THE WAR.

Graphic Description of the Battle at Gravelotte.

Synopsis of the News from the Seat of War.

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LONDON, Aug. 22.—A dispatch from the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Berlin states there were engaged in the battle of Gravelotte parts of the Second, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Twelfth Prussian army corps. In reserve were the Third and Tenth army corps, a few divisions of which, including artillery, shared in the fight. The entire French army, except McMahon's corps and two divisions of Gen. Failly's, was engaged, occupying intrenched positions, all of which at nightfall had been carried by storm. The losses are not yet correctly established, the contest lasted from noon till o'clock in the evening.

The French Journal Officiel to-day believes Moltke's plans are baffled.

The Times has a special from Berlin confirming the following items: England would much prefer to have the old German provinces of Elsass, Alsace, and Lotharinger-Lorraine, established into an independent and Central State.

Two sons of Count Bismarck, officers in the Prussian army, were wounded in the recent battles.

A large number of heavy seige guns have arrived at the Prussian front.

The balls thrown by the mitrailleurs are found to be explosive.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A dispatch received this morning from Switzerland states that the Germans commenced throwing a bridge across the Rhine at a point between Basle and Muhlheim, within close proximity to the Swiss frontier. Ten thousand German troops are collected at that point. The Swiss government has protested against any violation of the centrality of her territory.

The Garde Mobile is returning to Paris from the front, doubtless because it is unprovided with arms.

The Prussians intend to surround Metz with a circular railway.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—It is said Bazaine is absolutely cut off from his resources. The Prussians are between him and Marshal McMahon. He is also believed to be surrounded. Convoys, with provisions, have gone forward to supply both armies.

One hundred and sixty thousand men have passed through Paris to the front since Friday morning. It is generally thought here, however, that the march of the Prussians cannot be arrested before reaching Paris.

It is said there are now nearly 300,000 good troops at and near Paris. It is believed that one more decisive battle gives Paris to the Prussians.

The Siecle to-day says Paris must dispel the illusion. It is certain we must accept a siege.

Paris is preparing for a desperate defense.

A telegram from Vienna states that the Austrian Germans have pronounced in favor of Germany in the present war. A proclamation is said to have been issued in their name calling on all patriotic brethren to rally to the support of Prussian and German unity.

A dispatch from Mezieres to-day says the loss of the Prussians in the last battle was fearful. More than 40,000 wounded remained on the field of battle without attention. The Prussians have asked permission to send their wounded home through Belgium.

The Berlin journals print a letter from the King to the Queen, dated Resonville, Aug. 19th, of which the following is an extract:

"About 8:30 p. m. fighting ceased gradually. Without this I should have acted as at Koniginis. Von Roon saved me this alternative. The troops have performed miracles of valor against an enemy equally heavy, who were withdrawn by inches, and only resuming the offensive to be again repulsed. I cannot foretell the enemy's fate, and I shrink from tearing a heart that had designed overwhelming here, but I find, after some hours, that I am without my luggage. In fact, I have not been rid of my clothing for thirty hours."

The English Government is in constant communication with the great powers on the demands made by Prussia for the cession of Alsace and Lorraine. A cabinet of Ministers said to-day that these demands meant European war, as neither England or Russia dared for a moment accede to them.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—The Constitutionel has an editorial, evidently inspired by the Government, reviewing the conduct of the neutral powers. It says that Austria and Italy, at the breaking out of the war, united in a watchful neutrality, which, according to the circumstances, might be transformed into intervention.

Lately England changed the matter by proposing the formation of a neutral league with an obligation on each member to act only without advice others. The proposal met with some difficulty, as Italy had already entered into an engagement with Austria. The Cabinet of Vienna then informed the Government of Florence that it might consider itself released from its promises, and Italy hastened to make the fact known and to accept the proposition of England. Russia also accepted them, whereupon France advised Austria to do the same. It is not yet known what action the latter power has taken. "But," concludes the writer, "all these negotiations will be of short experience. Let us happily terminate the war; there will be time then to think of neutral powers."

PARIS, August 22.—In the Senate to-day one of the ministers stated that after a suspension of the news for forty-eight hours the government had received a dispatch from Marshal Bazaine confirming his former dispatch in regard to the affair of the 18th. After a battle of nine hours Bazaine held all his positions. The Minister could not say more, but he would affirm that Bazaine was full of confidence, which feeling was shared by the Minister of War.

It is questionable whether a popular uprising will take place, though many expect one in a few days. No one thinks of the Emperor. Troops governs, and is privately preparing the way for the return of the Orleans family to power.

PARIS, August 22.—The destruction of the Bois de Boulogne has been commenced. A large part, however, will not be touched. Only those portions near the wall of the city will be cleared away. The ramparts are strongly fortified with large cannon. The forts are fully prepared, and the entrances to the city may be closed at any moment by drawbridges. It is reported that in case of a siege all strangers will be compelled to leave.

Profound enthusiasm was created yesterday by the passage through the streets of American ambulances going to the front. Every one remarked the completeness and perfection of all the arrangements.

BERLIN, Aug. 22—Bismarck's regiment, which was reported as totally annihilated, has not yet been under fire.

A letter from Queen Victoria to Empress Eugenie, dated August 15th, relating to mediation is published. She regrets her inability to mediate. She intimates that it is an affair of the cabinet, and the cabinet thinks the time inopportune.

The Daily News copies with approval the Economist's article concerning the Queen's perpetual absence from the seat of the Government, even in a crisis like the present. The News goes still further and urges that Premier Gladstone, instead of losing his valuable time in vibrating at the Queen's pleasure between the extremities of the Island, be made at once Regent, with power to perform the duties which she so persistently deserts, though so enormously paid to perform.

FLORENCE, Aug. 22.—Prince Napoleon has arrived here.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—It is reported that the Crown Prince of Prussia has withdrawn his advance on Paris, and has gone to the support of the Prussian armies in rear of Metz. The position of the latter is being threatened with a formidable attack from Bazaine, who, it is said, has been reinforced by McMahon.

Five millions of francs were distributed in the city of Paris among the soldiers' families.

[Tribune's Cable Special.]

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Our special correspondent writes from Chalons Friday: From the officers of the Central-Garde I have further details of the affair at Longueville, on Monday last, which was in fact the beginning of a series of engagements extending at intervals through three days. Sunday afternoon, the Emperor, with an escort comprising Central-Gardes, Empress' dragoons and Gens d'armes Gardes, left Metz and reached Longueville-les-Metz, which must not be confounded with Longville, near St. Avold. At Longueville the Emperor and household encamped for the night. Early Monday morning they were awakened by cannon shot. Rushing out to their tents, they beheld the shell flying all about their encampment.

The escort mounted instantly and the Emperor hastened to the field to take command in haste. Meanwhile the Prussian reconnoissance, which had caused this alarm, summarily driven back, and the Imperial carriage surrounded by a strong guard, made its way through Gravelotte towards Conflans, where next morning from Conflans to Verdun. The escort was without food except what they could glean by the way from Metz.

The Emperor and his escort had no sooner gone than peril they ran all encountering but they had passed Gravelotte and were just on the edge of the Prussian lines.

As before stated, the Emperor was only too glad to find a three-horse carriage at Verdun, with which to pursue his way to Chalons.

An officer approached him at St. Hilaire and, without much ceremony, ventured to say, "Sire, you must be fatigued." "Yes, indeed," answered the Emperor, "and hungry as well." When he left Paris, three long trains heavily ouffered to transport his carriages, baggage and equipage of all sorts.

I saw the Emperor this morning. He is decidedly altered, looking not only much older, but blotched and puffy, and moves about with an air quite helpless.

Our special correspondent writes from Paris Sunday:

The Committee on Defense, as finally organized, comprises General Trochu, President, Marshal Vaillant, Admiral De Genouilly, Jerome David, General de la Tour, General Schmid, General Dautemarre and General Soumain.

It has the fullest powers, and has a special committee, which meets daily at the War Office, receiving reports on the state of the defensible works, armament, munitions, and provisions in store, and all operations. These reports go subsequently to the War Minister and thence to the Council.

It is fully believed here the Empress is urging the Emperor to abdicate in favor of his son, but the Emperor refuses.

All acts of the Corps Legislatif take effect without imperial decrees confirming them or directing their execution.

Another correspondent telegraphs from Pont-a-Mousson Sunday: In the battle of Thursday the French were completely driven back to St. Quentin, where from the front they are still visible. The villages of Vionville, Flariquy Resonville and Gravelotte are badly burnt, and resemble a slaughter-house. The fields are crowded with dead.

The Prussian cavalry, while charging the French lines beyond Gravellotte, suffered much. The vast numbers of French dead still lying on the battle-field on Tuesday show the battle to have been as terrible a day for them as Thursday.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Advices from the vicinity of the hostile armies state that a heavy rain fell all last night, which must have seriously impeded all military movements today.

A correspondent of the Temps says there is no hope for a triumphant issue to the war unless the Emperor and the Prince Imperial cease their interference and return to Paris. The Prince chafters about military movements to everybody, and lets out important secrets.

LONDON, Aug. 23, 9 P. M.—The general headquarters of the French army, Sunday night, were a few miles west of Rheims. Edmond Texier writes silence to the Siecle that the general depression prevails, and the Emperor receives nobody.

Communications between Chalons and Paris are cut off. The headquarters of the Crown Prince are at Bar Le Duc. McMahon and Failley are still retreating to cover Paris.

The following statement from a semi-official source foreshadows the demands like'y to be made by the Prussians in case of a successful termination of the war:

The time has arrived when Germany must be freed from French interference and menaces, and have a long period of unbroken peace. A mere change of dynasty in France would not be sufficient to insure this, for the next sovereign would seek as soon as possible to recover the lost military prestige of France, and the burden of an armed peace would be perpetuated. Suppose France should issue from the struggle with her strength unimpaired and with her strongholds, when she menaces the territory of the Rhine and the Palatinate intact, the war from which the incapacity of the French generals and the bravery of the German army have delivered us, will be renewed. There can then be no trustworthy peace. Not thus must this costly struggle terminate. We will only resign our arms when we have been guaranteed security against a fresh contest whenever it may suit the political necessities of a French monarch to resume it.

LONDON, August 23.—Bazaine has forced a passage by way of Audun and Longuyon, reaching Montmedy.

It is reported that the armies of the Royal Prince and Prince Frederick Charles have formed a junction to the westward of Metz.

LONDON, Aug. 23, 12 M.—A special Paris dispatch says the armies of King William and Steinmetz are reported to be too severely crippled to assume the offensive. It is given out, on high authority, that Bazaine was reinforced from Chalons on Sunday, for the purpose of giving battle to the army of the Meuse. He is confident of victory. He will march on the army of the Crown Prince and rescue Paris.

Another special dispatch from Paris says Bazaine was yesterday at Metz. He has the North and center entirely open to him, either to retreat or to receive reinforcements.

The appalling Prussian losses have sent a thrill of horror throughout Germany, and recruits are only to be had among the country people and working men, nearly all of whom are raw.

Bazaine professes to be master of the situation.

This afternoon the Opinion Nationale, under the caption "Keep Cool," predicts the defeat of the Prussians as the result of the pending combinations.

Herbert Bismarck, one of the sons of the Prussian Prime Minister, was wounded in the foot. His brother William had his horse killed under him.

[Special to the New York Evening Telegram.]

LONDON, August 23.—Private advices assert the Chalons army have taken the direction of Thionville, in a desperate effort to effect a junction with Bazaine, escaping the Crown Prince and passing the main German army to the north of Verdun. McMahon is driven to the choice of two evils—either to leave the road to Paris open to the Crown Prince, or by holding it to sacrifice Bazaine's army.

[Cable special to the N. Y. Tribune.]

LONDON, August 23.—The following detailed account of Thursday's battle was received this morning in London from our special correspondent, who witnessed the action at the headquarters and stood by the side of Bismarck and the King:

The first realization we had at Pont-a-Mousson, where I found myself on the 17th, of the extent to which the fighting had been going on during Tuesday and Sunday last at the front, was the coming in of wounded men. At first it was surmised that these had been wounded in skirmishes, but on the 16th, late in the evening there were signs that the work was becoming warm. On that evening the soldiers, with ghastly wounds, walked about the market place in Pont-a-Mousson, surrounded by eager crowds of their newly-arrived comrades, and told the story of the disaster. Poor fellows, it was surely a disaster to them, having been borne from the field without having heard of any result.

"I stood among them, and the narrative of the men all amounted to their having been set to confront a much larger force than their own and their division had been cut up. I was struck by the fact that, though there was some dissatisfaction suggested by their tone of voice, I heard no word uttered by the narraters or listeners which accused any one. They dwelt rather on the fact that they had dealt a heavy blow on the Fourteenth, and that though the Tenth division had, as an available organization, been demolished, it had sold its life dear.

On the 17th the wounded from the preceding day began to pour into Pont-a-Mousson. They were brought in on long succession of open carts lying upon hay. From my room, which overlooked Main street and commanded also a view of Market place, I counted more than ninety of these cars, each holding an average of about ten men. It was strange to see them as they passed amid rises of French, unable to conceal their joy, on one hand; but now came the other side of the account. The street began to swarm with other wounded—the wearers of red trowsers. Now and then came a batch of unwounded prisoners. At length they arrived in the carriage of a French General. It was followed by a vast crowd of French, and it seemed as if there might be a collision between the inhabitants and the Prussians, so earnest were the demonstrations of the populace; but it was now at least evident that the struggle was very serious at the front.

At midnight of the 17th and 18th, the trumpets for miles around began to sound; this was the first time we had been startled by such. Trumpet answered trumpet through all the darkness around the little city, and made midnight and day a perpetual roar. Hastily dressing, I ran out into the darkness and managed to get a seat on a wagon going in the direction of the front which was now understood to be a mile or two beyond the village of Gorze, twelve miles from Pont-a-Mousson. On the way we met a considerable batch of French prisoners, who looked upon us with considerable curiosity.

There was a continuous line of German soldiers, with whom we advanced, but only one or two offensive cries toward the prisoners were heard. The way was so blocked with wagons that I finally concluded I could do the remaining six or seven miles on foot better so I got out of the carriage and began to walk and run swiftly ahead. At Montlent, on the Moselle, about half way to Metz, I found vast bodies of cavalry, Uhlans and Hussars crossing the river by a pontoon bridge and hurrying at the top of their speed toward Gorze. Hurrying my own steps, I soon heard the first thunder of the cannonade, seemingly coming from the heart of a range of hills on the right. Passing through the village and ascending a high place beyond, I found myself suddenly on the battlefield strewn literally as far as the eye could reach, with dead bodies. In one or two parts of the field companies were still burying the dead, chiefly Prussians. The French, being necessarily buried last, were still lying in large numbers on the ground.

A few I saw were not dead. As I hurried on, a splendid regiment of cavalry came on behind, and when they reached the brow of the hill they all broke out with a wild hurrah and rushed forward. A few more steps and I gained the summit and saw the scene which had awaked their cry and seemed to thrill even their horses.

It would be difficult to imagine a grander battle-field. From the hill to which I had been directed by good authority to come, the entire sweep of Prussian and French centers could be seen and a considerable part of their wing. The spot where I stood was fearful. It was amid ghastly corpses and burthened with the stench of dead horses of which there were a great number. I was standing on the battle field of the 16th, the Prussian side thereof. On the left stretched, like a silver thread, the road from Verdun to Paris, and for the possession of which this series of battles had begun. It ran between lines of poplars, which stood against the horizon on my left, and as far as the eye could reach towards Metz with military regularity. Strung on this road like beads were the pretty villages, each with its church-tower, which, although they have separate name, are really only two hundred yards apart. Mars la Tour, and Flavigny, a little south of the road; Vionville, Regonville, and Gravelotte, which is divided into great and little Gravelotte. On my right were thickly wooded hills, behind which lies the most important village of the neighborhood, the one I had just left, Gorza. So environed was the foreground of the battle, which should, one would say, be called the battle of Gravelotte, for it was mainly over and beyond that devoted to it that it raged. The area I have indicated is perhaps four miles square.

Owing to having come on foot rather than along the blocked road I arrived just as the battle waxed warmest—that is, about noon on the 18th. At that time the headquarters of King William of Prussia were at the spot I have described.

The great representative men and soldiers of Prussia were standing on the ground watching the conflict just begun. Among them I recognized the King, Bismarck, General Von Moltke, Prince Frederick Charles, Prince Carl, Prince Adelbert and Adjutant Krusuki, Lieutenant-General Sheridan of the United States army, was also present. At this moment the French were making a most desperate effort to hold on the last bit of the Verdun road—that between Rezonville and Gravelotte, or that part of Gravelotte which is some maps is called St. Marcel. It was desperate but unavailing; for every one man in the French ranks had two to cope with, and their line was slowly beginning to waver. As soon as it was plain that this wing—the French right—was withdrawing to a new position. The place they had abandoned was swiftly taken up under cover of the continuous fire of their artillery from the hights beyond the village. The movement was made in good order and the position reached at half-past one o'clock. I believe that nine military men out of ten would have pronounced the place impregnable. Once this movement was effected and the French retreated before the pressure of Prussian fire, and the Prussians so rapidly advanced. The battle-field was no longer at Resonville, but had been transferred and pushed forward to Gravellotte, the juncture of two branching roads to Verdun. The fields in front of that village were completely covered by Prussian reserves, and over it interminable lines of soldiers were perpetually marching onward, disappearing into the valley and emerging on the other side of that into the flaming valley.

This second battle-field was less extensive than the first, and brought the two opposing forces into fearfully close quarters. The peculiarity of it is, that it consists of two hights, intersected by a deep ravine. This woody ravine is over one hundred feet deep, and the top some 300 yards wide. The side of the chasm next to Gravelotte where the Prussians stood is much lower than the other side, which gradually ascended to the great height. From their commanding eminence the French held their enemies fairly beneath them, and poured on them a scourging fire. The French guns were in position far up by the Metz road hidden and covered among the trees. There was not an instant cessation of the roar. Early diagnosticable amid all was the curious gusting roll of the mitrailleurs. The Prussian artillery was posted to the north and south of the village, the guns on the latter side being necessarily raised for an awkward half verticle fire. The French stood their ground and died; the Prussians stood their ground and died, both by hundreds—I had almost said by thousands—and this for an hour or two, that seemed ages so constant was the slaughter.

The hill where I stood commanded a view chiefly of the conflict behind and to the south of the village. The Prussian reinforcements coming upon their right, filed out of Bois de Ognous, and it was at that point, as they marched on to the field, that one could perhaps get the best idea of the magnitude of this united army, now in the heart of France. There was no break for four hours in the march of men out of that wood. It seemed almost as if all the killed and wounded had revived and came back and marched forth again.

Between four and five o'clock the French concentrated upon the main Prussian line their heaviest fire, massing all available guns and shelling the woods which covered the Prussians unremittingly. Their shot reached the Prussian lines and tore through them, and, though the men were steady, it was a test to which no general cared long to subject his troops. They presently swerved a little from that line of advance and there was no cover a continuous column of infantry pouring out of these woods.

The attack of the Prussians in the center was clearly checked.

About 5 o'clock, however, another brigade of fresh infantry was again formed in the wood, and emerged from its cover. Once out from under trees, they advanced at double quick. I watched their movements, for the French guns had not lost the range of the wood nor of the ground in front. Seen at a distance through a powerful glass, the brigade was a huge serpent, bending with the undulation of the fields, but it left a dark track behind it, and the glass resolved the dark track into falling and dying and dead men. As the horrid significance of that path so traced came upon me, I gazed on more intently. Many of those who had fallen, leaped up again and ran forward a little way, striving still to go on with his comrades. Of those who went backward instead of forward, there were a few, though many fell as they painfully endeavored to follow the advance. I do not know whether, after the vain effort of that brigade, another movement was attempted to form in the road, but half an hour afterward great masses of troops began to march over the hill where I was standing, and moved forward toward the field. Where so hard a struggle had been so long protracted. These also were, I think, a portion of General Goeben's troops, who had been directed upon a less dangerous route. The conflict from this point on the Prussian left became so fierce that it was soon lost to us, or almost lost by reason of the smoke. Slow and then the thick cloud would open a little and drift away on the wind, and then we could see the French. I tried to get a better view of this part of the field and went forward about half a mile, and from my new standpoint found myself not far from Malmaison. The French line on the hills was still unbroken, and to all appearances they were having the best of the battle. But it was due perhaps to the fact that the French were more clearly visible on their broad hight and fighting with such singular obstinacy. They plainly silenced a Prussian battery now and then, but the Prussian line also was strengthened by degrees. On the northern point infantry and artillery were brought up, and from far in the rear, away, seemingly, in the direction of Vionville, shot and shell began to reach the French ranks. These were the men and guns of Steinmetz who there and then effected his junction with the army of Prince Frederick Charles and completed the investment of Metz to the northwest. With reinforcements thus continually arriving on both sides the battle grew more and more obstinate. There could be no doubt the French understood the new movement of the Prussians and of gradual development of their line to the north. Steinmetz was able to extend his line further and further till the French were outflanked and began to be threatened, as it appeared, with an attack in the rear of their extreme right wing. So long as smoke from the Prussian guns hovered only over their front, the French clung to their position. The distance from headquarters, where the Prussian flank attack stretched forward, was great; and to add to the difficulty of clearly seeing the progress of the battle the darkness was coming on. I know not how long the French held out nor at what precise moment the Prussian onset became irresistible. What I saw was this: The puffs of smoke from the French guns, lightened with flashes, and brightening as the darkness increased, receded gradually. The very circular cloud and flame from the north, gradually and steadily approached, and with that advance the French fire grew every moment more slack. It was not far from nine o'clock when the ground was yielded finally on the north, and the last shots fired on that terrible evening were heard in that direction.

But to go back now to movements of the King and those with him at headquarters. The King's face, as he stood gazing upon the battle-field, had something almost plaintive in it. He hardly said a word, but I noticed his attention was divided between the exciting scenes in the distance and dismal scene near him, where they were just beginning, what must yet be a long task, to bury the French who fell in Tuesday's battle. On them he gazed silently and thought sadly. Bismarck could not conceal his excitement and anxiety, and if it had not been for the King, the Count would clearly have gone forward where the fighting was. His towering form was always a little in advance of the rest.

When the French completely gave up their hold upon the road up to Gravelotte the horses of the headquarters party were hastily called, and the entire party mounting, with the King at the head, dashed down to a point not very far from the village; then shouts and cheers arose and followed them wherever they passed. A little after 4 o'clock a strange episode occurred from the region where Steinmetz was supposed to be. A magnificent regiment of cavalry galloped out. They passed at a moment at which point where the conflict road joins that to Metz. Then they dashed up the road towards Metz. The road between Gravelotte and St. Huber's is cut through a hill, and on each side of it rise cliffs from forty to sixty feet high, except at points where it traverses the deep ravine behind the village. When it is remembered that at the time the culminating point to which that road ascends was held by the French, it will not be wondered at that only half of that regiment of Uhlans and Hussars survivors accomplished I do not know, nor could I learn the name and number of that regiment which seemed to meet its fate under the eyes of the King. The situation hardly admitted asking many questions, but their plunge into that deep cut on the hillside where next day I saw so many of them lying was of that brave, unhesitating and unfaltering kind so characteristic of the German soldiers, among whom struggles and deserters seem absolutely unknown.

I must record also what seemed an inexplicable thing. The army of Prince Frederick Charles was fighting hard and suffering, it was only too plain, heavily. From this army division after division had been taken and vainly sent against the French center. A portion of the Prince's reserves had been diminished to an important extent in the engagement of the 16th. Moreover, a considerable part of his army required rest and two divisions, one certainly, were in need of reorganization before they could again become efficient in the field. Yet at one time, it seems, every division and brigade and regiment was likely to be called into action. The losses in the center and the massing of the great forces for a fresh attack on the French right flank left the Verdun road itself at a time almost uncovered. At a moment, that for these reasons seemed critical, there appeared on the field, occupying the ground before held by a portion of the forces of Prince Frederick Charles, a large body of troops. They moved into positions under the eyes of the King, but neither the King nor any of the staff could account for their appearance. Their march was begun at the time I have mentioned, and their advance did not cease till dark; but the mystery that hung over them was not dispelled. Whose was this new army? Whence did it come? The point indicated that it was the point whence it moved there were, or at any rate ought to be, no troops of the armies of either Steinmetz or Frederick Charles. The rumor began and spread among a group of men who surrounded the King that this mysterious force was part of the army of the Crown Prince, and that new junctions had been effected. I know of no reason to suppose this true. Doubtless the staff soon cleared up the matter to their own satisfaction. That there ever could have been any doubt about the identity of so great a body of men arriving on so great a battle-field illustrates the difficulty with which even the most eminent officers follow the movement of forces over broken or wooded ground. I no longer wondered that to me the same task was almost an impossibility. In any event it cannot be doubted that the presence of that large body of men made itself felt upon the fortunes of the field. They were visible to the French as well as to us. Here was another example of moral effect that may be as so often is extended in battle by masses of men whose presence are known to the enemy but who may not fire a shot. From that line of march it is clear the divisions were finally posted a little in the rear and on the left of the Prussian's center at the time when the attacks so long directed against the key of the French lines had ceased, in fact, had at last been broken. It was possible the French, having suffered far less in holding ground than the Prussians had in attacking, might have advanced and in their turn undertaken a vigorous offensive movement. If they had any such purpose it was not unlikely they abandoned it on the sight of the Prussian reinforcements instead of advancing. The French now contented themselves with the mere occupation of the ground to which, earlier in the day, they had been driven back. At no time did they seriously strive so regain the westernmost line of hills which had been theirs in the morning. At no time did they recover or seek to recover by any vigorous forward movement the junction of the road at Gravelotte.

From seven to eight the weight of the battle tended more to the north of the road. There was a lull, the meaning of which the French failed apparently to interpret. By seven they may have believed themselves partly victorious. They were still, perhaps, in a condition to renew on the morrow the struggle that had gone on all day for the coveted road from Metz to Verdun. If they had not gained the road or the battle, they had not clearly lost the latter. Two hours later they had lost both.

A little before eight a bluish white house on the heights beyond Gravelotte caught fire. It seemed through the gloom to be a church. Its spire grew into flame, and a vast black cloud of smoke arose, contrasting strangely with the white smoke of battle. As evening fell the movements of the troops could be followed by lines of fire that were now flickering along the front of a regiment as it went into action. No General likes fighting by night in ordinary circumstances, for chance takes the place of skill.

A flanking movement of the French had been resolved on by daylight, and it was the necessity of moving troops to a great distance over difficult ground which delayed its execution and brought about what seemed a rebound of the battle after day was done. To lean the French in their positions during the night would have been to imperil the plan on which the Prussian commander had resolved. And from 8 or 9 o'clock to the time when the decisive blow was struck, when the battle of Gravellotte had actually ended, we knew the Prussians held the strong heights beyond Bois de Vaux, which commands the surrounding country to the limits of artillery range from Metz. We knew that two great Prussian armies lay across the only road by which Bazaine could escape to Paris for its relief or for his own withdrawal. The view of victory greater than Sunday's and more decisive than the triumph of Tuesday had been won. We believed that the French army, which had fought as valiantly and valuly as before, was now hopelessly shut up in its fortress.

As I went back to the village of Goerse to pass the night, I turned at the last point to look upon the battle field. It was a long earth-bound cloud, with two vast fires of burning buildings at either end. The day had been beautiful so far as nature was concerned, and the stars now looked down in splendor upon a work of agony and death, such as no one could ever wish to see again.

The following further particulars are telegraphed by a special correspondent of the Tribune respecting the battle of the 18th:

"A reconnoissance made the day previous, the 17th, showed that the French army was retresting on Verdun. The column was out in two by the advance of the Germans and the last part driven back between Gravelotte and Metz. It was resolved to attack them, as the retreat of the French to Verdun was cut off. The Germans were posted in both eastern and western directions from Gravelotte, commanding the road from Briey to Metz. The 7th Prussian corps formed the right of the line; next came the 8th, posted in the road to Gravelotte; then the 9th and 12th; the corps guards were on the extreme left; the 3d, 1st and 10th army corps were held in reserve. The fire was kept along the whole line from 11 o'clock. The Prussian artillery seemed overpowering, and the French batteries were gradually driven back on a second line. I pushed over to the left of the French line, thinking that their position was abandoned, but to my surprise found the enemy still there and myself a prisoner. Of what happened afterwards I can give but little account. The cannonade was renewed on both sides, lasting till nearly 10 o'clock, when the French appeared to be retiring, and the Prussian guns alone maintained their fire.

"I was treated kindly by my captors, who went off through the woods and lost their way in the darkness. While they slept I escaped, and reached St. Marne, which was in possession of the Germans. In this village many of the houses are battered down. Every available spot is crowded with wounded men. Even the streets are covered with straw, and French and German wounded are lying in masses together for the night. Beyond Resonville the country is stripped bare. No conveyance or food is to be had. Metz is completely surrounded by Prussian forces, the army corps having moved round from the east to the north. The Saxon Corps of Pioneers has been sent to the front. Four Prussian corps will be left about Metz to carry on the seige. The remainder of the army is to advance toward Verdun. The King's headquarters will be moved in a day or two to the southward."

A correspondent describes the scene of the battle of the 30th as one seldom equaled. Thirty miles of ground were covered with dead and wounded of both sides. The cannonade from the German side and the rattle of the needle guns were terrific. The defeat of the French was total. Their long columns could be seen pouring toward the North, in the effort to evade pursuit, by way of Briey. The loss on both sides is immense. Many French prisoners were taken. The King himself is personally attentive to the French wounded. A French peasant was taken while killing a wounded German, and was hanged.

At Gorsee, out of one thousand inhabitants of the neighborhood, scarcely any remained.

The battle on the 14th (Sunday) is described as bloodier than that of Sadowa. In the morning a party of Germans had pushed forward upon the position of the French, who retired as they advanced. The French subsequently received strong reinforcements, and intrenched themselves behind the earth works extending around the city at a distance of two or three miles in a circle, including the villages of Barney, Coleberg, Monteney, Noisaville and Nouilly. On the side of the Germans there were encamped in the immediate neighborhood the 7th and 8th army corps, which, with the 9th rmy corps, which was further to the rear on the highway from St. Avold to Metz, formed the first army, under Gen. Von Steinmetz, which is the extreme right of the German combined armies. The number of German troops actually in the battle was 45,000. The French had a great deal of artillery and cavalry. The Germans had but little cavalry or artillery. The Germans carried all the breastworks against the murderous fire of the French, who were always compelled to retire before them. But the murderous fire of the chassepot told very severely on the Germans, who in the engagement lost many more than the French. It was the superior courage of Germans which compelled the enemy to retire. They did this slowly, contending for every inch of ground, until they were driven almost against the walls of Metz. Every account agreed that the battle was more sanguinary than any during the campaign of 1866. No unwounded prisoners were taken on either side.

LONDON, August 24, Noon.—The following dispatch from Paris contains the very latest intelligence of importance. It contains nothing isolated. The Prussians are strong in the west in that vicinity. General Failly, who is in command at Chalons, is still there, but by a new disposition is superseded. Gen. McMahon is strongly posted in the plains before Chalons, with heavy detachments at St. Menehauld, Verdun and Rheims.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Private advices from Paris received by mail contain the following intelligence, dated Monday, August 23d: A Chalons correspondent says the Crown Prince of Prussia is near St. Dezier, and going toward Paris with 150,000 men. It is uncertain whether they will be able to avoid a fight before going further. The Prussian officers do not believe Paris will resist. They expect an insurrection will follow an approach of the Prussian army, which will result in the displacement of the present French authorities, when a peace may be early guaranteed. They say the war will be purposeless if these points cannot be effected.

The Emperor is at Monteveda incognito.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Times recognizes the fact that the determination of the French Corps Legislatif in favor of self-government will be irresistible hereafter, should the Emperor fail.

Prussia has sent Bavaria 10,000,000 in gold as a subsidy.

Obscurity still surrounds McMahon's movements, and the reports are contradictory.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A special correspondent of the Tribune at Brussels writes, on Saturday, the 20th: I learn from a trustworthy source that Trochu intends, within a few days, to invite the Orleans princes to the throne in defense of their country.

The Orleans party are very hopeful. The Princes here watch events closely, and an exeat of great skill and experience, who is in Paris, advises them of every event affecting their interests there.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Charleroi, a Belgian journal, explains how the Prussians near the frontier fired on some Belgian troops, mistaking them for French soldiers. It also states that a Prussian detachment crossed, undoubtedly unawares on Belgian soil, but they left on entering wanting.

I have the highest authority for contradicting the statement of the French that the Prussians had sought permission from the French to transport their wounded through Luxembourg. The French insist on this as an implied admission of defeat.

What happened was this: The Prussian Government applied to know whether they would consider the transportation of wounded men through Luxembourg a violation of its neutrality. The English Government asked the French authorities whether they objected. The French replied, "Yes, because it opens the Prussians' railways to unrestricted transportation of troops and supplies. Prussia rejoins: "Three-fifths of the wounded we want to send are French. If you object we must attend to our own first, nor are military trains capable of being employed for the wounded. Gladstone favors the Prussian view but Hammond, Under Secretary of the Foreign Office, opposes it on technical grounds, and, if the French insist on their view, nothing will be done, and the French wounded will have their own government to thank for needlessly prolonging their sufferings.

The Liberte says the army of the Prince Royal, which reached St. Dizier some days ago, has not passed that place, but to the contrary has fallen back. The same journal adds that it is known from reliable source that the loss of the three Prussian armies has been as follows: Killed, 35,000; wounded, 85,000.

It is reported that a Prussian spy near Rheims, mistaking a general officer for Marshal McMahon, fired twice at him. He missed his aim, but hit and dangerously wounded a soldier standing by the side of the officer. The spy was instantly secured.

The Archbishop of Paris has directed the clergy to contradict the report that the Pope felicitated the King of Prussia.

The London Times exhorts the French people to consider what the attempt to defend Paris must cost, and urges them to consider almost any alternative. And defense of Paris cannot seriously defer its capture.

The fortifications of Luxembourg have been razed.

[Special to the New York Herald.]

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—The German forces in France have undergone a partial reorganization, and, as reinforced and redistributed, will go into battle in the following order: The first army, under command of Gen. Steinmetz, is composed of the First, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Prussian army corps, amounting in all to 100,000 men and 28,000 cavalry.

The second army, under command of Prince Frederick Charles, composed of the second, third, fourth, tenth and twentieth Prussian army corps, the corps of Prussian guards, the Royal Saxon corps, and the division of the Grand Duchy of Hesse. This is the strongest of the armies. It contains about 200,000 infantry regiments of infantry with three batteries to each, four regiments of infantry with two batteries to each, and thirty-four regiments of cavalry, which aggregate in round numbers 200,000 men and 600 guns.

The Third Army corps, commanded by the Crown Prince, is formed of two Bavarian Army corps, under Generals Tarr and Hartmann, containing each eight regiments of infantry, five battalions of rifle men and five regiments of cavalry, and one mixed corps of Baden troops. The Wurtemburg troops, commanded by Gen. Von Werder, and consisting of eight regiments of infantry, two battalions of riflemen, four regiments of cavalry and five batteries of artillery belonging to Wurtemburg, and six regiments of infantry, three regiments of cavalry and eight batteries of artillery belonging to Baden. Also the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Prussian Army corps, containing sixteen regiments of infantry, sixteen regiments of cavalry and thirty batteries of artillery.

The grand total of the German forces in France is five hundred and twenty thousand, divided into sixteen army corps. Up to this time three hundred thousand of the landwehr have entered Alsace and Loraine to invest and occupy places in the rear and relieve the regular soldiers of those duties, so they may join their own regiments in the front. Orders have been issued to disband the veteran reserves called out at the commencement of the war.

THE ST. LOUIS COTTON PRIZES.

Rules to be Observed in Making Entries.

[From the Democrat, 24th.]

Premiums amounting to five thousand dollars for cotton offered by the merchants, manufacturers and jobbers of St. Louis, to be awarded at the Cotton Fair, commencing October 3d, and to continue six days:

NEW ORLEANS OR LONG STAPLE COTTON.

Best bale	$300
Second best bale	200
Third best bale	200
Best two bales raised by one planter	400
Second best	250

UPLAND OR SHORT STAPLE COTTON.

Best bale	300
Second best bale	200
Third best bale	200
Best two bales raised by one planter	400
Second best	250

MISSOURI COTTON.

Best bale	400
Second best bale	300
Third best bale	100

SWEEPSTAKE.

Best bale of cotton raised in the United States in 1870, embracing all classes except Sea Island.....$1,000

RULES TO GOVERN COMMITTEE.

1. Awarding committees for each class to be not less than five nor more than nine in number. They will be selected with great care from various sections of the cotton region.

2. If an awarding committee is directly or indirectly interested in the award of a premium in the class for which he acted as committeeman, it shall be the duty of the superintendent of the department to withhold the premium until it shall have been submitted to the general committee.

3. No one shall act on an awarding committee who is related to any person competing for a premium.

4. All entries for cotton must be made in the books of the St. Louis Agricultural and Mechanical Association, by letter or otherwise, on or before the first day of October, 1870, directed to G. O. Kalb, Secretary St. Louis Fair.

5. All cotton must be on the St. Louis Fair Grounds on or before Monday morning, October 3.

6. Cotton can only be entered to compete in final class, but all cotton can compete for the Sweepstake Premium if the owner desires it.

7. Exhibitors must state distinctly for which class they desire to compete, and give the name, post-office, county and State of the producer.

8. Awarding committees will meet at the St. Louis Fair Grounds, on Wednesday, October 5, for the purpose of awarding the premiums.

9. Each bale of cotton must weigh at least 400 pounds; bales weighing less will not be accepted.

10. All subscribers will act as receiving merchants.

The following letter and abstract will show how our steamboat men feel upon this important subject. They have been in a class of men is will known, but in this instance cannot be surpassed; we challenge its equal:

OFFICE MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS PACK'T CO., August 10, 1870.

MR MILES SELLE: Please to say to Mr. G. O. Kalb, Secretary of the St. Louis Fair, that the members of our board most cheerfully assented to our

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...WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1870.
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...Courier-Journal Newspaper.
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...Courier-Journal, Delivered by Carriers in Louisville, Portland and Shippingport, Payable ...ly or weekly. To those Agents, three cents per ...
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...ish, of the Cincinnati Com...e from Luxembourg, on ...his paper as follows:

...e battle of Gravelotte ...e King of Prussia, ...and General SHERIDAN ... It was the third great ...the road from Metz to Paris. ...ench were outnumbered and beaten ...the walls of Metz. The slaughter on ...sides was horrible. I walked seven miles ...the fields strewn thick with dead men ...horses. The lines of battle were ...ked with dead in heaps."

The Iowa Democracy, having repudiated ...leadership of HENRY CLAY DEAN and ...ssumed upon a live platform to give the ...dicals something like a real battle, a ...d-hot journal called the Copperhead re...ciates the Democratic platform as "a ...tch of silly stuff not worth the paper it ... written on." We find a long article ...m it copied by the Radical organ of ...s. In this article it makes open war ...n the Democratic organization of that ...te because the convention had voted ...wn certain abstractions which Mr. DEAN ...d long expounded with great eloquence ...d little effect from many a stump in ...wa. The article winds up with this dec...ration of war:

...Stripped of all the honest Democracy of the State ...wa, we will sustain the position we have taken ...this matter, we feel encouraged to still con...ue the fight, believing that freedom will triumph ...r the usurps con...rol of our organization.

This is the spirit of the red-hots every...where—rule the party or break it up. For ...a platform which is not a reprint of ...HENRY CLAY DEAN'S anti-war speeches ...the Copperhead would not give a pipe-full ...f Kentucky tobacco. Unless dead issues ...e resurrected for the benefit of a few ...ild-diluvian orators it cares not whether ...SAR or POMPEY reigns. If the Copper...ead and all other parties like it will fol...w their great leaders, LOGAN and BUR...KE and BRICE POMEROY'S managing editor, over into the Radical party at ...nce they will thus render some little ...ompensation for the injury their advocacy ...as inflicted on the Democratic party.

The Two Parties.

Each of the two great parties is trying to fasten the stigma of ultraism on the other. The Democrats are trying to make it appear that the Republicans are radical. The Republicans are trying to make it appear that the Democrats are

What is the meaning of this? Does it not imply that both regard the temper of the people as moderate and pacific? It certainly does this, or nothing.

But the Democrats have an obvious advantage over the Republicans. The Democrats, in proof of their charge, can point to Radical measures the most recent and outrageous. The Republicans, in proof of their charge, can only produce a few quotations, that are really meaningless, out of obscure Democratic newspapers.

Nor is this all. The Democrats have a motive to *act* liberal as well as to *talk* liberal. They can only succeed by a consolidation of all the moderate elements of the country and are bound to ignore antecedents of every sort. The Republicans have no such motive. They are in power and their sole hope of keeping in is the preservation of rigid party discipline, which is, in its nature, illiberal and proscriptive. They cannot afford to act liberally, or ignore antecedents, to invite recruits from among those they have persecuted. Even their liberal talk, like the ...ge and fury of the Bourbons of De...cembrancy, signifies nothing.

Partisan necessity will force the Republicans to become more radical. Political necessity will force the Democrats to become more liberal. Thus, in both cases, habit will grow into second nature, and, if the one party start out liberal and the other illiberal, the situation will force them to change places before the journey is ended.

This, however, is not the case. The Democratic party, chastened by misfortune and out of power and augmented by good men of every antecedent, is absolutely liberal to-day. The Republican party, emboldened by success and despotic by ...se of power long maintained at the point of the bayonet, is essentially illiberal. The Democratic party has both the argument and the situation on the Republican party, and will grow stronger as it grows more confident in national faith. The Republican party, led by veterans who are used to the groove in which they have been running so long, will increase its disgust at exactions as they grow eager and desperate before the approach of danger. They have held power so long that they think they own it and have a right to it as a sort of perpetuity. For years they have considered loyalty and Radicalism as synonymous. Hence Radicalism can neither cast its shell nor disgorge its spirit. It is a war party, a party with war habits and warlike songs and ways and impulses and purposes, a party which has had its day—and is as unfit for the needs of peace as GRANT is unfit to be President.

GRANT was a successful soldier; but he makes a poor President.

The Republican party was a good enough war party, but it has proved itself a poor peace-maker. The country wants a change because it wants peace, and, as the Republicans recognize this, they are trying to show a moderation they have never displayed and never can and never will carry ...

The sham will not answer. Neither will its fellow sham, that the Democracy is red-hot and obsolete, serve the purpose for which it is designed. The only color it has is furnished from the glare of two or three little red-hot furnaces. But these will grow cold and dark before the next national campaign and leave the Republicans nothing but their own bad record to defend and worthless promises to mortgage.

The people know that reforms must come from themselves; that the politicians never reform anything unless pressed by popular clamor; that parties in power always refuse to concede reform except at the ballot-box.

The people mean reform. They mean peace. They cannot trust the Republicans, who have made so many failures and broken so many pledges. They can trust the Democrats and they will.

There are reasons for it.

☞ It is said that the young woman who reports the races and stock sales for the New York Times "wears a black and white petticoat, with the white stripes running diagonally across." To show how far superior this journal is to the Times in point of esthetic taste, it is only necessary to say that we yesterday discharged and turned over to the police a very efficient reporter whose only crime was the wearing of a calico shirt with the stripes running diagonally across.

☞ While at Chicago the other day, ...ral GRANT paid a visit to the watch ...ry at Elgin. The chronometer, an ...e, no doubt, will be forwarded ...esent by express.

The Texas Petition.

There is a great triumph awaiting the consolidationists in Congress—a proud realization of their imperial dreams. When they meet again they will have the satisfaction of finding the American Congress converted into a Roman Senate, to receive the humble petition of a conquered district that was once a free Republic, but is now compelled to protest against pro-consular rapacity and tyranny, and to sue in *forma pauperis* for that republican form of government which the Constitution says "the United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union."

No State in the South has been more submissive and tractable under the process of reconstruction than Texas. She is filling up rapidly with immigrants from all parts of the North and from Europe. She exported last year 280,000 bales of cotton, 2,000,000 of beef-cattle, 1,000,000 of hides, 5,000,000 pounds of wool, besides other products, amounting altogether to $50,000,000 in value. Anxious to be rid of military rule and to establish a State government that might foster the development of her unparalleled resources, she accepted the State officials designated as favored by the government at Washington, and over 40,000 white voters, who could not indorse their politics, stood silent that they might be elected. No sooner had the new Legislature met than it proceeded, by expulsions and arrests for pretended contempt, to obtain power, by means of which laws were passed that make the Governor the most despotic sovereign that ever ruled on American soil. The State constitution was utterly ignored, and the lives and property of the citizens were placed at the mercy of the Governor. Against these acts and the intolerable oppressions of which they are the forerunners, the people of the State—Democrats and Conservative Republicans alike—are appealing to Congress for protection. A petition to that effect, headed by the Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, the Chairman of the Democratic Committee and many other gentlemen prominent in both parties, is now circulating through the State.

This petition is the most affecting recital that has yet appeared in American politics—far more so than any petition our fathers ever sent to the British Parliament. It protests chiefly against a militia law which enables the Governor to suspend all the functions of civil government and rule the State with drum-head courts-martial; against the establishment of a *gens d'armerie* system empowered to make arrests all over the State at the Governor's command; against enabling acts by means of which the Governor has personal control over every official in the State; against registration and election laws designed to perpetuate the power of an oligarchy, and against corrupt legislation which makes the new State government cost the people $10,000,000 annually when their former State expenses have averaged about $800,000.

Under the militia law, which creates a State guard and a reserve militia, the Governor is the commander of the military forces of the State; he appoints all the officers; he selects even the privates of the State guard; he disburses without check or limit all the funds arising under the bill, which will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars, as thousands of the people will pay even the enormous exemption of fifteen dollars per annum to avoid military service; he can declare martial law, and suspend the laws upon a breach of the peace, *or imminent danger thereof*; he can, at his discretion, levy and assess taxes in whole or in part upon any county upon which he may inflict martial law, and collect and disburse the same at his own will; he can try and execute the free citizens of the State by courts-martial and military commissions composed of his own creatures; he can depose judges; he can suspend the writ of habeas corpus, and make civil officers subservient to the military, and this military not drawn from the body of the people but selected, officers and privates by himself.

The State police act establishes, in connection with the militia system, the most enormous engine for black-mailing, badgering and harassing a people that ever accompanied a civilized despotism. Two hundred and twenty-five privates, paid $60 per month, and a retinue of officers, whose pay ranges up to $135 per month, constitute this force. Besides regular pay, they are allowed mileage, &c. We find by reading the police act, that these men may be employed as detectives, and are responsible only to the Governor; that they are invested with the authority belonging to all peace officers, thus making them judicial as well as executive; that their jurisdiction is co-extensive with the State, and that they can act independently of and in spite of the local peace officers. There is also another, insidious power conferred upon the Executive in this act in making all the executive officers of the counties and municipalities of the State a part of this force and directly responsible to the Executive, and their tenure of office dependent on his will. Whilst the standing army act gives the Executive regal power over the civil liberties of the people, this act destroys the sacredness of the household by permitting him to send broadcast through the land a band of spies and detectives to worm themselves into the confidence of men and drag them off to prison.

We have not space to portray all the hideous machinery of this Texas despotism. We believe that it is the most heinous legislation that ever menaced the freedom and peace of any people outside of Asia. The rest is all of a piece with that we give above. The "enabling act," so-called, ignores all constitutions, State and Federal, and makes all the civil officers of the State dependent upon the nod and beck of the Governor. The election laws give him and the adventurers about him ample power to prolong their sway in spite of that popular disgust which he is armed to punish. Another bill is about to be enacted to disarm the people and prohibit their right to bear arms, except in certain frontier counties to be designated by Executive proclamation, and then only under a license to be regularly issued under seal by the district clerk after the model of monarchical countries. There are acts requiring compulsory printing for the support of thirty-five official organs designated by the Executive and a host of Executive appointees provided with perquisites and rights of plunder. Altogether his Majesty of Texas is the best fortified monarch in the world so far as subservient legislation, patronage, irresponsible power, standing armies, and secret *gens d'armes* of multifarious powers can serve his turn.

This is a specimen of the government which the Radicals sustain in the South. The extension of such a system all over the United States is the direct tendency of their policy, its inevitable result, unless the American people foresee the danger in time and apply the remedy.

☞ A letter from Cleveland says: "The Mississippi State Senator who married a negro, and who is spending the honeymoon here, seems to be really in love with his wife; but how long before that love will fade?" It is not likely to fade at all—it is dyed in the wool.

☞ "The returns from the Boston public baths show that there were nearly half a million bathers in July." And yet some of the people up there profess to be surprised that Boston harbor is not more than half as deep as it was about the last of June.

☞ Among the glittering gewgaws Commissioner PARKER has purchased in New York for the Indians are ten thousand hatchets. The number of patent scalping-knives is not given.

Kentucky University.

Kentucky University has a biography more interesting than that of the hero in some novels, and its character as an educational institution is marked with original and striking traits. Fifteen years ago Mr. JOHN B. BOWMAN, a farmer of Mercer county, Ky., and a graduate of Bacon College, resolved, though a young man, to devote his life to the founding of a great institution accessible to the poor young men of the country and so endowed as to place within their reach the best facilities for all kinds of literary, scientific and professional training. The idea of founding a great free university for young men appeared at that time like the project of a dreamer, and could only be realized by the efforts of some one willing to devote himself to the work with unqualified faith in its success. Mr. BOWMAN has ever since worked at his project with a vigilant energy and fertility of resource that have surmounted all obstacles, improved every opportunity and placed upon a foundation of safe and progressive prosperity an institution that already stands among the universities of the world like a young giant full of iron nerve and modern life among the corpulent and drowsy elders of his family.

To provide ample grounds, buildings, libraries, museums, apparatus, endowments, prize funds and secure the services of eminent and devoted professors, Mr. BOWMAN first set out to obtain as the corner-stone of the enterprise an endowment fund of a half million of dollars. He sought to obtain this amount, and at the same time to enlist the interest and sympathy of the people in his success, by a financial scheme of novel conception which has worked like a charm. In 1856 he began to canvass for stock subscriptions, and during his first one hundred and fifty days of actual labor he obtained $150,000 in notes, chiefly on the substantial farmers of Kentucky. These notes were made payable in easy installments, and the principal when collected was safely invested. A certificate of stock was issued to each subscriber, with coupons attached, bearing value equal to one year's tuition, and made transferable. The coupons were redeemable in tuition only, so that the stock, without interest, would be gradually refunded to the subscriber. Thus, while the capital subscribed was refunded in the form of tuition, it remained in the form of cash to the permanent endowment, the interest of which would pay the expenses of the institution. In the course of a few years the coupons would all be redeemed and the endowment and tuition funds would be free and unincumbered.

When the endowment had reached a sum sufficient to warrant a beginning a liberal charter was obtained, and a college of arts, with nearly two hundred students, was opened in Bacon College buildings at Harrodsburg in 1859, and the means soon raised to furnish it with a complete outfit of chemical and philosophical apparatus. Repeated efforts to obtain the Harrodsburg Springs property failed. The war came on and suspended the work of increasing the endowment. But, though opposing armies were encamped around the buildings and these were finally taken as hospitals for the sick and wounded, not a dollar was lost and not a week's suspension of college exercises took place during this period. Mr. BOWMAN continued to collect and invest the funds subscribed and to give his labor to the institution not only without charge but at the sacrifice of his own pecuniary interests.

Next the college buildings, with all the libraries and apparatus, were destroyed by fire, and it became necessary to select a new location. The trustees of Transylvania University, at Lexington, intimated a willingness to convey the grounds and buildings of that institution to the curators of Kentucky University on the condition of its removal to Lexington. While Mr. BOWMAN and a committee of the curators were meeting in Frankfort in January, 1865, to consider this proposition, the Legislature took up for consideration the proposition of Congress to grant Kentucky 330,000 acres of land for the purpose of agricultural and mechanical education. The State, with a heavy debt upon her, in the midst of the war, was not prepared to accept the grant with the conditions imposed and the munificent provision of Congress seemed likely to be lost to Kentucky. Propositions to accept the grant and furnish the necessary grounds and buildings and thus meet the conditions of this new and difficult educational problem were invited by the Legislature. At this juncture Mr. BOWMAN, believing that his own plans and efforts in behalf of education were in strict harmony with the highest interests of the State, came forward and on his own individual responsibility proposed to consolidate into one great institution the university at Harrodsburg, Transylvania University and the Agricultural College and to locate the whole at Lexington. He further proposed if this consolidation should be effected to provide an experimental farm and all the requisite buildings and to furnish gratuitous instruction to three hundred students to be selected by the State; and he furthermore guaranteed that the board of curators would carry out in the agricultural department the intent of the act of Congress encouraging the education of the industrial classes.

A bill to this effect was accordingly drawn up and after a long and animated discussion in the General Assembly it was passed by a large majority; and Kentucky University was removed to Lexington, the grounds, buildings and endowment of Transylvania University were formally transferred to the board of curators and the State Agricultural College was made a part of the university. The capital of the institution now exceeded half a million of dollars.

Mr. BOWMAN raised $100,000 in Lexington, and in 1866 purchased for the permanent site of the Kentucky University, "Ashland," the homestead of HENRY CLAY, and the adjoining estate of "Woodlands," which extends within the city limits of Lexington. Upon this tract of 433 acres of unsurpassed beauty and fertility are now to be found, besides the old mansions and offices pertaining to the Clay and Irwin estates, numerous new club-houses, dormitories, machine-shops, ornamental and experimental grounds, gardens, orchards, nurseries, vineyards, propagating-houses, green-houses, arboreta, large libraries, museums, laboratories, and all the accessories to every kind of educational training. The endowment and the real estate together reach a cash value of about $800,000, and last year the matriculants numbered over 800.

The colleges of the University are seven, to-wit: The College of Science, Literature and Arts. The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky. The College of the Bible. The Normal College. The Commercial College. The College of Law. The College of Medicine.

While the course of study and instruction in each college is full and complete, yet the four first named above are so associated that a student regularly matriculated in any one of them may have the benefit of instruction in the others without additional charge for tuition.

The several colleges thus associated furnish the most liberal provisions for education, whether collegiate or professional, general or special, and that, too, without the expense and embarrassments that would result from a duplication of professorships. If a young man desires to pursue a classical course exclusively, he can do so, and receive a certificate of graduation for the same. If he desires to devote himself to science or arts, to receive a good commercial and business education, to graduate as a civil engineer, or to study mining or any other specialty, he will enjoy the like facilities without additional expense. Should a student desire to reduce the ordinary expenses of board and tuition, the Agricultural College presents to him the opportunity for laboring, at a reasonable compensation, on the college farm, or in the mechanical shops while he is receiving thorough instruction in science and literature.

Three young men, properly prepared and to be selected by a majority of the Justices of the Peace from each representative district of Kentucky, are entitled to tuition free of charge. In accordance with the act of Congress granting the land scrip, regular instruction is given to the students of the A. and M. College in infantry drill, military discipline and police. The uniform is of cadet-gray cloth. Tuition, janitor's and dormitory fees per session of nine months cost pay students $40, and boarding in clubs or private families is cheap. The discipline is excellent and the instruction in every department thorough, being in charge of a very large corps of eminent professors and instructors. An examination of all the details of study, discipline and organization, as set forth in the catalogue, justifies the hope that Kentucky University will soon eclipse the ancient fame of old Transylvania and be recognized as the greatest seat of learning in the Mississippi Valley.

A Horse of Another Color.

The New York Times declares that our effort to nationalize and liberalize the Democratic elements has been attended with sundry manifestations of success; but it regards these as mere surface indications, and thinks that, in spite of our preaching and teaching, the Bourbonism of Democracy will remain in the ascendant, as a matter of fact, and that upon all essential points it will continue to rule the party.

That our fight against ignorance and error and in behalf of free opinions and a national, broad-minded and patriotic spirit has resulted in the most sudden and surprising development of liberalism is sufficiently obvious. But the Times is mistaken in characterizing the response which we have stirred up as superficial and politic, and it gives us more than our due when it speaks of our course as bold and hazardous. It is never hazardous to speak the truth, and we are disposed to claim no especial courage for having made an earnest and industrious rather than a bold effort to awaken and arouse that dormant love of country in the hearts of our fellow-citizens which disasters and oppressions have so long silenced. The people of the South, as a class, are plain people. They love their country. They have not forgotten the lessons left by the founders of the Government. But a party is in power whose mission seems to have been the erasure of all the old land-marks from the popular mind, the obliteration of all the old lawmarks from the popular sight, the overthrow of all the old patriotic sentiments from the popular bosom. They have made the flag, which so many Southern men have followed, a symbol of persecution. They have altered the Constitution by violence and fraud, and got a new set of sectional, campaign, partisan songs in place of the old, free-born, national music. We have simply touched the old chord; and, lifting up the true flag in the darkness and in the wilderness, have breathed hope into the numbed and stricken spirit of the South by proposing that, marching to the music of the Union, we plant it once more upon the altars of American liberty.

This is all; and, though the music is unusual, it is not unfamiliar; it is old and dear to thousands of hearts that have not forgotten its breezy, life-giving tones; and it recalls to us times when Bourbonism had no place in the Democratic camp, but when the Democratic march was ever onward to deeds of national progress and glory.

We claim no credit for passing an unskillful hand feebly and uncouthly across the strings. The melody has gushed out to a touch neither trained nor inspired. It has come of itself, at the bidding of a great want, and out of the misty daybreak its clear notes bound and echo like the voice of Hope, like the song of Life. If the Times thinks the response is merely makebelieve it mistakes both the nature of the Southern heart and the necessities of the political situation. It will learn before the contest is over, and the people of the North will learn also, that if a perfect restoration of peace and union is withheld it will not be the fault of the South. It will be the fault of Radical legislation designed to obstruct the progress of popular reunion and to corrupt the very fountains of peace. The Democratic party is the only party in the country which has the ear and confidence of the Southern people. It has not proscribed them. The Republican party has neither their ear nor their confidence, and never will have, because it has proscribed them. But hitherto the negro question has raised up a practical obstruction to the reunion of the Democratic elements North and South. It was the negro question that divided the Democratic party in 1860. The division was bitter, and, in spite of ten years of chastening, the party has been in but indifferent accord. The negro question out of the way, and the spirit of nationality thoroughly aroused, will place the Democratic party where it was in the days of its power and glory—the only national party in the land—and when that magnificent spectacle of perfect partisan reunion is reached—the necessary precursor to the perfect restoration of peace and union in the National Government—the national Democratic organization will carry all before it.

The Times errs, we think, in its estimate and in its calculations. We shall have no trouble with the Bourbons. The Bourbons are composed of two kinds of people. They are either hopeless and dispirited persons who, by age or disappointment, have lost their vitality and their enterprise, as well as their hold on the situation, or else they are merely local office-holders and office-seekers, who are red-hot because red-hotism seems to indicate that species of zeal which they regard as necessary, and which in second-rate men really is necessary, to local office-getting or local office-holding. The first class amounts to nothing. It is too weak and morose to affect the cheerfulness of that robust activity which is the characteristic of every forward march. The second class may be more noisy, but will prove almost as feeble. Made up of timid though boisterous persons, devotees of bread and butter, who talk in loud and meaningless terms about principles, having none, and vehemently proclaim their peculiar orthodoxy, which refers to the offices they hold, they won't be in anybody's way when the current sets. They will swear they have been that way all the time; and thus, as the Democratic party, being in general out of power, has but few office-holders, it has few Bourbons, and the outside pressure upon those will be tremendous. They will do anything to get office or to keep office. Government with them means bread and butter. In Kentucky, for example, they are not just now national to hurt because the Democratic party is not in power at Washington. Here they are after local patronage, and, therefore, they appeal to local prejudices. But behind them there is a great mass of disinterested patriotism and unselfish intelligence, which cares nothing about bread and butter, but wants a peaceful, constitutional, honest, cheap and equal administration of the government. The force of this, urged by kindred elements outside of Kentucky where there has been no local patronage to encrust men in office and Bourbonism, must inevitably color and direct the next Presidential campaign, and the Bourbons, that is the bread and butter people, will place themselves across the line of march at their own peril. In a word, the Democratic party is out of office and can afford to be liberal. It has few offices to defend, and, therefore, few Bourbons to carry, and resting its claims to the confidence of the people upon its offer of a platform liberal enough to hold all the anti-radical elements, it must, in its nature and condition, become more and more magnanimous and rational, in short, a tolerant, all-forgiving party of peace and union.

It is otherwise with the Republicans. As the Democratic organization is in Kentucky so is the Republican organization in all of the Northern States where it prevails, and likewise at Washington, that is, thoroughly red-hot and radical. The New York Times is making an effort to modernize it. If the Times will not consider it is merely humbugging its own words, we will say that its effort will prove as unsuccessful as it thinks ours will be, and for the reasons specified. It is not easy to liberalize a party in power, but particularly a party which owes its power to its illiberalism. Adversity has taught the Democracy self-denial, forbearance and discretion. Prosperity and maladministration, joined together, have only tended to render the Republican leaders domineering and overconfident. The Times says we will never moderate Kentucky. We frankly confess that we never expect to moderate those Kentuckians who hold office by an old local tenure until the solid masses of Kentucky move to the music of the great national impulses which is coming, like a sunrippled wave, over the whole people, North and South. Then the oldest of the Bourbons—the old king-bee Bourbon of them all—will catch new life and fly from rock to rock with the nimblest of the Democratic eagles. But take the most red-hot of all the Kentucky Bourbons, now in office, and there are but few of these after all, and we have a fac-simile of thousands or Radical leaders in the North, who are ultra and unchangeable in their Radicalism because ultraism has hitherto paid; because proscription is the foundation stone of the Republican tenure. Men will not be moved from such a spirit short of an earthquake. It is a good rule to let well enough alone, and hence parties never reform in office. Reforms come from without, not from within.

The effort to consolidate all the anti-Radical elements on a broad National Democratic platform—suited to 1870 and not patched together by the debris of 1860—is easy, because it is necessary, and men of sense everywhere see it. But the reorganization of the Republican party, and the modification of the Republican spirit, already in power and in line of battle, is a different affair, and we think the Times will find it so before it is done with General BUTLER and Governor MORTON, to say nothing of Mr. SUMNER and WENDELL PHILLIPS. It will find that the real red-hot Bourbonism of the country is with its own party, hedged as it thinks itself in power and moss-grown with the confidence and corruption of ten years of irresponsible administration. Just as we find it difficult to moderate a majority of 50,000 in Kentucky, because, knowing themselves secure here, they can not see why it should not be so everywhere, will Gen. BUTLER in Massachusetts and Governor MORTON in Indiana find it easy to stimulate and inflame a partisan majority against all the mild appeals and theories, however truthful, which the Times may deliver. Events are with us. But nothing short of defeat will chasten the Republicans.

Bourbonism, let us repeat in conclusion, is the result of one or two conditions—power long possessed, or hope almost abandoned. The former of these ingredients enters into the whole Republican constitution, whilst the latter grows less and less apparent in the Democratic organization, and with the bold and cheerful movement now going forward will presently disappear altogether.

☞ The Cleveland Leader says: "Nothing so clearly marks the barbarism of a people as the visitation of national shame upon the person of a soldier from an opposing army. In that respect the Mexicans, the Spaniards, the Malays, the Chinese, and the Confederates of the South, have shown about an equal degree of cowardice and brutality." Ah, how different was it with the Federal authorities during the late war! *They*, with a philanthropy the sublimest in history, boarded their rebel prisoners at first-class hotels, and gave them each ten dollars a day for spending money.

☞ General GRANT and JIM FISK have had a falling-out at Long Branch. They are ceased to speak to each other. When they meet FISK is silent and GRANT is reticent. Europe was not large enough to hold both WELLINGTON and NAPOLEON, and it is very strange that anybody should have supposed that New Jersey was large enough to hold both GRANT and FISK.

The Full Dress.

☞ JIM FISK says HORACE GREELEY is a mummy three thousand years old. It never occurred to us that HORACE was a mummy or anything of that sort, but we thought from the start that he knew too much about farming to have been born since the commencement of the Christian era.

☞ The Western astronomer who predicted last winter that we were to have a cool summer in consequence of the spots on the sun, now declares that if it had n't been for those spots we should all have been forced to build our thermometers a story and a half higher.

☞ It is reported that Rear Admiral PORTER will succeed to the rank made vacant by the death of Admiral FARRAGUT, but we can never believe that General GRANT will fail to offer the promotion to Captain SMITH, of the Polly Ann, on the Wabash canal.

☞ One of the suffrage-shriekers tells us that "the women of America are determined to try what virtue there is in the ballot." It is the misfortune of the cause of female suffrage that very few American women seek the virtue of the ballot so long as they have any of their own.

☞ Certain German scholars are quarreling about the correct way of spelling the name of VIRGIL, some of them contending that it is VERGIL instead of VIRGIL. It is presumed that these last merely desire to show us with what ease they can take one of the poet's I's.

☞ A New York letter says that "ANNA DICKINSON, with all her professed scorn for the blonde drama, has a fine eye for the ballet." Very likely; but those who saw her riding astraddle in California say she has a wretched leg for it.

☞ It turns out that the extraordinary reduction in the number of American war vessels was the result of a vain effort on the part of the government to bring the navy within the administrative capacity of the present Secretary.

☞ A returned Californian attempted to kill himself in Chicago the other day, because his wife wouldn't live with him. Alas! how many men in that city are daily tempted to kill themselves because their wives will live with them.

☞ While in Massachusetts last week, LADY FRANKLIN went to see Mrs. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE. It is a pity that a woman of LADY FRANKLIN'S age should possess a curiosity so much stronger than her discretion.

☞ The Rev. FRANK GIRARD, a Radical preacher and politician of Nashota, Wisconsin, has just had a law-suit with a young widow of that town. The Court decided that the parson must support the child.

☞ The celebrated "cigar steamer" passed Dover last Saturday, coming in the direction of the United States. It is supposed that Gen. GRANT is about to buy it, just for the name of the thing.

☞ SYPHER has been renominated for Congress by the negroes of his district in Louisiana, and, if they can keep him out of the penitentiary long enough, they will probably elect him.

☞ The world has had its iron age, its golden age, and its age of bronze. Radicalism has made the present an age of steal.

☞ New York city is a tender mother to her poor. She has made murder so cheap that it is now within the reach of all.

THE FASHIONS.

I.

Woman's Rights.

Start not, reader, in holy horror, as the unpopular words, Woman's Rights, greet you at the beginning of this week's report. It is not my purpose to discuss the subject, as exemplified by an Anthony, Lucy, Dickinson, or any other one of the "shriekers." But merely to advocate the sole right which we do possess—the right to enhance natural loveliness, as far as possible, by the aid of the potent power—dress. Indeed, I go so far as to assert that it is not only our right, but inalienable duty, by the selection of colors and their artistic blending, to make one's self attractive. It is had pleased the Great Maker, he could have made the rose and lily of the same color. He could have given the same hue to sea and sky, the same tint to leaf and flower. He could have made the grass white, or the snow green, but He has given the world color in infinite variety, so that it is filled with beauty, ever new and ever changing, and thus will it be to the end of time. Dress need not become the frivolous pastime of woman, the target to which the random shots of men, wise and unwise, are ever directed; but let it remain, as it is her subject, which has begun with her doll, and ends also in robing the dead. Female beauty, as we all know, is not only improved by being dressed, but there are few women who are so absolutely lovely that their loveliness, when unaided or unadorned is adorned the most, proving that the popular quotation often is a fallacy than a truth. It is only true when the perfection of good taste has succeeded in so subordinating ornament that it seems to be a gift of nature, and not extraneous to it. It is this that marks the true artist in dress. She adorns herself without seeming to do so, and adds to beauty by concealing the aid she gives to nature. Far down in the depths of every womanly heart, quite out of sight, lies the inextinguishable desire for personal attractions. She may try with gay bravado, or true, shrinking delicacy, to deny it; but facing her confessional and confidante, the mirror, she acknowledges its influence. To learn the art of dressing well becomes as much a mission, in the position of girl, wife or mother, as any other duty to which we bow allegiance. Good, she ought to be always; but let her be also as beautiful as she can as a part of her virtue, that her goodness may supplement and aid that excellence in man which renders him so handy, though not so ornamental, about the house and elsewhere in the world's affairs.

It has generally come under my observation that when a gentleman picks up his newspaper and sees an article headed as this he skips it, or else, in righteous disgust, turns the paper inside out. To those, therefore, who have been kind enough to read so far, I offer as a palliation a few hints on the prevailing styles in

II.

Gentlemen's Fashions.

The hunting season approaching, seems a sufficient provocation for an article on hunting suits. It is a healthful, manly sport, which Americans are sadly in need of, but, unfortunately, it too often happens that it is a pleasure that falls to the lot of the men of pleasure, whose physical bodies do not really require it. But now and then we see a band of active business men whose heads and hands are employed from ten to sixteen hours out of the twenty-four, to whom the hunting season brings a much-needed relaxation. They go out, perhaps, for a few weeks each autumn to the Western prairies, returning with an accumulation of vital strength that enables them to resist the wearing inroads of business for the remainder of the year. But the benefit comes more from the change of occupation than any given-up activity, for the energetic man generally plays or recreates with the same zeal that he labors. These are the hunters who think very little about their dress. Their rig consists of some cast-off coat and pants, an old slouched hat, and a pair of stout boots that are impervious to dampness, a portion of a grain-sack often constituting a shot-pouch slung over the shoulder, a well-trained dog and rifle, a solitary huntsman who starts out at the peep of day and only returns at nightfall, tired, foot-sore, and cross as a bear, at least until a very sensible depletion has been made upon the larder by the real bears over at the park, there is doubtless a fascination in hunting under even such circumstances, but the real labor connected with it divests it of any meretricious sentiment or romance. But the huntsman's costume of 1870 tells the tale of advanced civilization. Paris and English fashion are so changing the plousest aspects of the Western exterior, that the most indifferent masculine feels now that he must don some sort of regulation dress, which consists of a complete suit of drab-colored velveteen. The waist is long, with short skirts and manifold pockets on the outside for shot and shell, covered with large and small lids, and wonderfully capacious pockets on the inside for the game, that we are sure must give to a successful hunter the appearance of a harlequin. The skirt fronts are very nearly square, and the waist closes nearly to the throat with a narrow rolling collar; the vest buttons closely also, but without a collar. The buttons are a hard polished wood the color of the material, ornamented with appropriate designs of various species of game, heads of horses, dogs, et cetera. Drab castor gloves and a turban cap complete the stylish shooting dress of this season.

III.

The Full Dress.

Swallow-tail coats with brass buttons, though not yet entirely in vogue, are much affected; in fashionable circles in the East. The plainer frock coat made of black and invisible blue diagonal cloths is most in favor for nearly all dressy occasions. This summer, the inner vest of white Marseilles has been revived. Blue cloth takes the place of coats. With these are invariably worn for pantaloons a very delicate pearl-colored cloth in hairline stripes. With black, a fine black mole skin is accepted, especially among elderly gentlemen. The dress suits are usually stitched instead of being sewed, but the vests are sometimes bound with a fine silk binding and buttons covered to match. The lapels to the dress coat roll nearly to the waist; the frock, a medium roll. The vest can be selected to match either coat or pants with equal effect. So spun coats are cut by the best tailors considerably larger than the wearer, so a change to be welcomed, for anything more ugly than the short sacque that prevailed awhile ago, can scarcely be imagined. Suits of light gray, without binding, are worn a great deal by young men. With them the convenient vest of white Marseilles is preferred.

IV.

Hats, Etc.

All hats designed especially for traveling hats can be folded without injury to their shape. There is also a sort of gros cloth hat, with quite a broad rim, probably designed for "Wash 'n' Yarn days, when the ground was warm weather, a coarse brown straw. Besides these, there are an infinite variety of hard and soft felt, in both high and low crowns, that find their admirers. It may here be remarked, for the benefit of housewives who do their own sewing, that narrow plaits on shirt-fronts have been discarded altogether by gentlemen who care anything at all about fashion. A single plait, plain, three inches wide in the center of two, if you choose, two and a half inches on each side, is the style that has superseded the old one so long in vogue. The shirt buttons at the back of the neck.

V.

Jewelry, Cravats and shoes.

Much less jewelry seems to be worn by gentlemen now than formerly. The overgrown conglomerate shirt-stud has given way to the diamond solitaire, pinned in the middle of the center plait of the shirt bosom, of tiny spiral studs inserted through an eyelet. Gentlemen of good taste avoid a profusion of ornamental watch chains also. The chain may be as rich and heavy as money can purchase, but let it be neat and safe in design.

Summer cravats are plain or striped pieces of grenadine, four inches wide, tied with a single knot and short ends. For business suits black is the standard color, made up in the usual butterfly bow, with moderately long ends. Of course there is an infinite number of colored ones. These are generally affected by young men who have not past beyond that age when the little accessories of the toilet have ceased to be of importance.

Low shoes that tie or lace over the instep have been very much indulged in, the unusual heat of the summer having developed it as a welcome relief to the boot.

For buggy afghans a square of heavy striped linen, neatly bound, is much used.

VASHTI.

University of Louisville.

The annual announcement of the medical department of the University of Louisville will be found in another column. The institution is one of the most flourishing in the country. In that case number of two hundred and thirty-four students. Its library is one of the largest belonging to any American college of medicine, and its museum and suites of apparatus are rich and extensive. In point of ability as teachers, it never had a faculty superior to its present professors, and to their strong professional claims they add the overwhelming recommendation of pure moral characters and high social position.

☞ Two new iron gun-vessels, of a powerful description, from the designs of the late Constructor of the British navy, are to be immediately commenced at Chatham (England) Dockyard, both vessels being built of light draught, with broad midship sections to enable them to work in rivers and harbors. The names of the two gun-vessels are the Scourge and Snake, and no possible time is lost in building each vessel. Workmen have already commenced laying down the blocks for the new gun-vessels, which are to be built on the slip adjoining that on which the iron-clad frigate Raleigh is about to be commenced.

☞ When the Ninth Cuirassiers charged at Worth, Lieutenant Billett, the colonel's son, charged four times after his jawbone had been broken by a ball. His father had him carried off the field by force at the fifth charge, he himself being killed in the same.

NORTH MISSOURI.

The Weather and the Crops—Live Stock—Blue Grass Not a Wait Behind Kentucky's—Railroads Reconstructed—Uncle Dan's Speech—Little Wash.

"MARTYRDOM IN MISSOURI."

[Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.]

NORTH MISSOURI, August 25.

Last summer—the summer of 1869—in North Missouri, there was an excess of rain, seriously damaging the corn crop in the low lands. The first half of the fall months was a pleasant season, but winter began its rigor before Indian summer had cast its hazy mantle over the land. In October and November, there were frosts that destroyed a considerable amount of apples then upon the trees. But the winter, taken as a whole, was one of unusual mildness. The weather of the months of January and February would have been deemed pleasant in Middle Tennessee. There was but little snow and no rain, and the roads during that period were admirable. The late crop was small and inferior. The major part of the past spring was about all that farmers could expect. They were stayed in the putting in of their crops, but the latter part of it was rather dry for the early berries.

The summer has been one of great heat, the mercury often reaching a hundred degrees, and sometimes more, and nearly during the heated term of June and July did it stand at less than ninety in the early afternoon. In most places there was a scarcity of rain in the warm season, affecting unfavorably the growing crops, and in some localities the drouth has been very severe, greatly reducing the corn crops and cutting short the supply of vegetables.

The rains have not been general. They have come, for the most part, from wandering clouds. These wandering clouds have poured out the nourishing showers at needed times upon many sections, while they have failed to visit and water others. There is a region of country about twelve miles wide and seventy miles long, running west and northwest from Quincy, Illinois, and extending up into Iowa, where crops of all kinds are almost a failure, by reason of the want of r

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...Paris, August 26.—A special correspond... ...
...ier le Duc writes that at Bassine is sur... ...
...in Metz by Prussian troops and is ex... ...
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[Special to the New York Tribune.]

...don, August 26.—The best information ...
...Bazaine's army, which all German offi... ...
...ingrand, proves is shut up in Metz, ...
...his garrison is about 60,000. McMahon's ...
...must exceed 100,000 reall good troops, ...
...ainder being raw levies.

...Tribune special correspondent tele... ...
...from Frankfort Friday that the Strasburgers are making rapid progress. ...
...adel is in ruins and the arsenal is on ...
...ne battery has been silenced. The ...
...trenches are close to the walls. The ...
...losses are trifling. All the regiments ...
...Metz has been filled up from the ordi... ...
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...August 26.—Couriers of the enemy ...
...en seen at Braisne. German Uhlans ...
...appeared in the arrondissements ...
...but soon fell back to the north. ...
...A corps d'armee is marching towards ...

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...throughout Alsace, which has been ...
...by the war. Our magnificent cathedral ...
...enthal no longer exists. The Prussians ...
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...by covering it with mud and breaking ...
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...August 26.—The environs at Metz ...
...been inundated by order of the French ...
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[Special to the New York Sun.]

...don, Aug. 26, VIA BRUSSELS.—In spite of ...
...ment assertions, there is no communi... ...
...with Bazaine.

...Victory between Verdun and Chalons, ...
...ded by the Figaro, proves a hoax.

...Projects recommend the people of the ...
...ces to submit politely to the Prussian ...
...rities.

...don, August 26.—Le Public says impor... ...
...information was received to-day by the ...
...ment concerning the positions, num... ...
...and movements of the enemy. The ...

...Prince Frederick Charles and a por... ...
...the King's army is undoubtedly ...
...ing on Paris, while Count Steinmetz is ...
...to hold Bazaine. The enemy may reach ...
...in six days, should there be no change ...
...plans.

...ong the Prussians badly wounded in the ...
...s of the last week is Baron Von Rohdin, ...
...of the celebrated prima donna Pau... ...
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...don, Aug. 26.—The conscription for 1870, ...
...h will be drawn Monday, makes a new ...

...scriptions for the wounded, deposited in ...
...ome up in the streets of Paris, amount ...
...to 7 francs daily. Yesterday 4,000 oxen, ...
...ut 20,000 sheep, and 1,012 pigs were ...
...into Paris.

...e loss to German commerce by the ...
...ch blockade is about $1,000,000 daily.

...e provincial journals say the Prussians ...
...ke the anger and hatred of peasants by ...
...ting Catholic churches.

...e Journal Officiel says:

...ough it is not proper to expose the plans ...
...Government, we may announce that ...
...ers of the Prussians in Paris will be ...
...ded by every possible means.

...ening continues its heroic defence. A ...
...and Bombardment houses have been de... ...
...by shells, and the garrison repulsed ...
...sults, in which the Prussians lost 1,500 ...
...The Seine is well supplied with provis... ...
...munitions of war. It has been proved ...
...repeatedly to capitulate, but its com... ...
...der replies that he will blow the place up ...

[Cable Special to the N. Y. Sun.]

...ndon, Aug 25, via Brussels, Aug. 26.—The ...
...way from Montmedy to Sedan has been ...
...troyed at Margut, near the Belgian boun... ...
...ry. The Prussians are at Longuon.

...A reliable gentleman, coming from Metz, ...
...s that the Prussians attacked Fort St. ...
...lion on the afternoon of the 24th. He saw ...
...ssia's army after the battle of the 18th. ...
...was in a frightful state.

...Paris, Aug. 26, Midnight.—The Prince Im... ...
...al has been sent to Fethel. The Emperor ...
...mains with the army of Gen. McMahon.

...Mindelheim, Bavaria, Aug. 26.—Since ...
...st Tuesday evening the bombardment of ...
...Strasbourg by the Prussians has been incess... ...
...ant. The citadel is very badly damaged and ...
...he walls terribly battered. Several maga... ...
...zines exploded in the city and at the forts. ...
...Fires have also broken out in different places. ...
...Prussian losses trifling.

...Carlsruhe, Aug. 26.—Heavy fighting com... ...
...menced last night at the town of Stenay, ten ...
...miles from Montmedy in the direction of ...
...Voutiers. The Prussians have cut the railway ...
...between Chauvange and Laumonilly. The ...
...wounded are brought to Montmedy. The ...
...rates of the city have been closed. An at... ...
...tack on Montmedy is expected.

...Berlin, Aug. 26.—The fourth army, under ...
...command of the Prince Royal of Saxony, is ...
...driving to co-operate with the third army in ...
...its movement on Paris. The accounts from ...
...Strasbourg represent that the Faubourg Na... ...
...tionale suffered severely from the fire of the ...
...besiegers. It is reported that the cathedral ...
...was slightly damaged, but this is doubtful.

...Berlin, Aug 26.—The effect of the refusal ...
...of the French to permit the wounded to pass ...
...over neutral vitory will be that the French ...
...wounded in hospitals must wait until the ...
...Germans evacuate.

...The Paris Moniteur, referring to the ...
...slaughter of captains, Bavarians, Wurtem... ...
...bergers, and Saxons, sees the unity of Ger... ...
...many cemented the blood of her heroes.

...London, August 27.—Metz is gorged with ...
...the wounded and the provisions of the be... ...
...sieged are failing.

...London, August 27.—According to French ...
...reports fifteen thousand, and according ...
...to Prussian twelve thousand, French soldiers ...
...are disabled by fital and typhus fevers.

...The Prussians intensely incensed at the ...
...French for firing a flag of truce, even ...
...when sent on errand of mercy.

...The official report Bazaine shows a French ...
...loss at the battl Rezonville of 23,000 men.

...The Times says a review of the resources ...
...of Prussia, that's armies of reserves have ...
...been formed to t events in France. One ...
...on the Rhine, r the Duke of Mecklen... ...
...burg-Schwerein at Berlin, under General ...
...Sanctorius, and in Silesia, under General ...
...Torrenburg.

...Henry Le Blawrites to the Daily Tele... ...
...graph from Paris the Emperor is actual... ...
...ly suspended. Cabinet remains in power ...
...only because that was thought to possess ...
...administrative ity. The Corps Legisla... ...
...tif is supreme, t appears conscious of the ...
...lack of nationalfidence, owing to the ...
...method of its lon. The new Governor ...
...General Trochu the Committee of Defense ...
...are now rulingsex absolutely. General ...
...Trochu is espe becoming another Albe... ...
...marle.

...London, Au—The Times, in an article ...
...to-day, says Ed is acquitted of every ob... ...
...ligation to Fr...

The Prussians have declined to send any more flags of truce to the French on any account.

The Prussian forces besieging Strasbourg is still engaged in turning the course of the river Ill, to shut off the supply of water from the city. If they succeed in this, the mood will also be left dry.

London, Aug. 27.—A movement is afoot of the French and German wounded has become universal in England.

The publication of the treaty for guarantee of the neutrality of Belgium has been interchanged here by the representatives of the various European powers.

The junction of Bazaine with MacMahon has not yet been effected.

The Prince Royal of Prussia has issued a proclamation to the people of France, wherein he says: "Prussia wishes war against the Emperor and not against the people of France. The people have nothing whatever to fear."

The Prince announces his purpose to instantly restore the lines of travel which have been interrupted or destroyed by army movements, so that labor and commerce may everywhere be resumed. All of the French officers have been requested to remain at their posts; their personal safety is guaranteed. The Prince further says: "Only surplus food will be taken for the German troops; that only which is not required by peaceful French."

On Thursday evening the headquarters of the Prussian army were at Bar le Duc. The advance had reached a point about midway between Chalons and Epernay. The march on Paris was to be conducted leisurely by the Prussians, as no further opposition was anticipated. There is authority for saying that the fortifications of Paris, unless manned by at least 300,000 men, are worthless.

Gen. Legrand, killed at Gravelotte, left eleven daughters, for whom a national subscription has been started.

[Special to the New York Herald.]

London, Aug. 27.—A private letter has been received in this city from Paris, in which the writer expresses the belief that a committee of public safety has been prepared, which will seize the Government and undertake the defense of the capital, and formally depose the Emperor.

This morning several more Prussian spies, who had been condemned by a council of war, were executed.

The approach of the Prussians on Paris creates the most intense excitement. Dispatches received from various provinces announce a sudden increase in volunteering to defend the city.

The Constitutionnel says the Prussians act not only against ordinary laws, but those also of humanity.

At Strasbourg they have cruelly forced all the young men to work in the trenches, and in some cases threatened them with death if they refused. Shots from the ramparts of the besieged city killed laborers in the Prussian army. Frenchmen are now forced to kill their brethren. Such acts are unworthy of this age. They give a singular idea of Prussian civilization. They only serve to increase French hate and augment our determination to punish them.

[Special to the Courier des Etats Unis.]

Paris, Aug. 26.—In spite of the orders given by the commander of the enemy's army, the Prussian invasion of 1870 surpasses in horror the recollections of that of 1814. At the War Department accounts are received from all sides of the pillage, devastation, and of summary executions caused by the resistance of the peasants to the invasion of their homes. The Prussians conceive to them no rights of defense. The Uhlans have committed depredations only worthy of the Cossacks of other days.

Little is said about the Emperor, and with good reason. Recrimination is not necessary. It will be time enough hereafter to demand an account from him, who was the origin of our first disaster.

The Empress shows most noble devotion to the wounded. Every day she visits the military hospitals, and extends care and consolation to the victims of the war. All the ladies of rank, and high in social standing, imitate her example. There are unfortunately some exceptions to this noble conduct.

The system of Prussian espionage has even stolen into some of the churches and sacred places, where it would be scarcely possible to discover or prevent it. One or two examples have been made, which will probably put an end to this secret conniving with the enemy.

Last evening the removal to a safe place of the master-pieces of the Louvre was begun. The precaution is timely. Are not invasions of barbarians always fatal to the arts and their most beautiful productions?

Paris, August 27.—The King and Crown Prince are moving on the city by way of the Marne and Aube. They commit fearful pillage and unheard of outrages as they move along.

It is reported that the government is preparing a note, to be addressed to its representatives abroad, announcing that France will prosecute the war to the last extremity, and no proposal looking to a peace will be entertained so long as the enemy is on French soil.

Paris, Aug. 27.—One of the city journals this evening has a remarkable editorial, of which the following is an extract:

Next to the news of the near approach of the Prussians toward Paris, that which most occupies public attention is the possibility of an open rupture between the Government and General Trochu. It is reported that the Empress demanded the dismissal of General Trochu from the position as Governor of Paris, but we cannot affirm anything positive. The Governor has been known to have been permitted to express carelessly the opinion that Trochu, in the presence of the Empress, had been asked to retire.

A late copy of the Journal, of Nancy, says:

That which wounds us more than all else is the conduct of the unfortunate farmers driven from their dwelling in our country. Our tears flow at sight of long lines of wagons laden with oats, hay and the produce of every kind to be given over to the Prussian army. The fine horses which were to prepare the earth for the seed of a future harvest have been harnessed to Prussian caissons. Since everything is scattered and destroyed on this day after harvest it equally follows that remarkable barrenness of country must ensue. The difficulties of the coming year are crowded into one month. The ruin is complete and unspeakable. Long years will be necessary to repair the damages of three few days' invasion.

Paris, Aug. 27.—Herdt, the Prussian spy, was shot this morning.

London, August 28.—The following official dispatch is dated Bar le Duc, Friday night:

The garrison of Vitry surrendered on Thursday morning. The Prussians captured sixteen guns. Two battalions of the French Garde Mobile were annihilated by the Prussian cavalry. A number of French officers and 850 soldiers were captured. The Prussians had one Major severely and several troopers slightly wounded.

Thiers' appointment on the committee of defense is the result of special decree.

The Soir denounces the inactivity of the French fleet.

Reuter's Telegram says that the siege of Paris is deemed inevitable. It is even said that the Government prefers that result to a pitched battle. The forts around Paris have been armed, garrisoned, and provisioned. Prussian scouts are at Arcis-sur-Aube and near Dion.

[Special to the N. Y. World.]

London, Aug. 27.—It is reported that a battle occurred yesterday near Rheims. Heavy cannonading was heard, but no particulars have been received. The engagement was probably between the forces of McMahon and Prince Frederick.

The army of the Crown Prince at Bas le Duc has been joined by a part of King William's forces. The united army is moving rapidly, and will be before Paris on Tuesday or Wednesday. The great aim of the King is to complete the campaign as speedily as possible.

[Special to the New York World.]

London, August 28.—The statement of the Opinion Nationale that Steinmetz was badly defeated on the 22d and Frederick Charles on the 24th is not confirmed.

Private telegrams from Berlin say the Prussians have 300, 00 troops along the line of the railroad ready to move across the Rhine to reinforce either of the German armies in case of defeat. Prussia cannot move more to the front yet owing to the difficulty of feeding such reserves.

To-day there are great rejoicings at Berlin. A public procession, carrying four Mitrailleurs, twenty-three cannon, and one eagle, captured from the French, passed through the streets.

The King and Crown Prince advance rapidly on Paris.

The Prussians attacked Verdun yesterday and the Garde Mobile drove them back with serious loss. These German movements are regarded as feints. There will be heavy fighting very soon. Prussia cannot afford a long campaign. France can.

[Special to the N. Y. Tribune.]

London, August 27.—The special correspondent of the Tribune with McMahon's headquarters writes from Fethel on Thursday morning: We left Rheims on Wednesday at 5 o'clock p. m., and arrived at Pethel at 3 o'clock on Thursday morning. The troops preceded us. Tours and surrounding country is one great camp. McMahon's army here is composed of the first, fifth, seventh and twelfth corps.

The cavalry of Canrobert's is the sixth corps.

The Emperor and Prince Imperial are here. We move Friday to Master's. The troops have already started, and by Friday afternoon the whole army will be quiet. The movement is rapid in the extreme, and the troops are fresh and in good spirits.

A Tribune special correspondent telegraphs from Paris Sunday that all correspondents have been ordered to quit the French army. The same correspondent writes Saturday evening that M. Thiers still refuses to act on the defense committee, and other Ministers are expected to resume in Count de Bergus Gambetta, Lemiter and Favre-Ki, having obtained leave to defend Fort Bicetre, have received ten thousand citizen volunteers. The Garde Mobile have drawn up an address to General Trochu protesting against the incorporation in the regular army. Rochefort has been released from the Pelogie prison to that of the Vicomte to defend his rescue. Lousagray, returning from Brussels, was betrayed by Paul De Cassagnan, and arrested.

The Tribune's special correspondent at Frankfort, on Thursday, writes that private intelligence confirms the statement in the semi-official Journal that Bismarck will insist on the restitution by France of all the territory forcibly abstracted from Germany, but that neither Alsace nor Lorraine will be annexed to Prussia. The larger part will go to Baden and the rest to Bavaria. Rhein is already protestant and England also. Pikkus's statement that he had bought 40,000 rifles in England is but a small part of the truth, as several hundred thousand Chassepots are manufacturing here for the French Government.

There is much anxiety, but Germany should resent this, since the British government has the power of prohibiting such expectations. The daily News insists that it shall exercise the power and denounces men who imperil their country for private greed. It compares this to the Alabama case, and says no one will believe we are doing the utmost to preserve our neutrality if we allow this trade. There is no known foundation for the battles reported in the French papers, nor have we anything from McMahon later than Thursday evening.

Paris, August 28.—McMahon's main army is at Stenay. The Emperor is at Remonville and the Prince Imperial is at Bethel.

The Prussians push their reconnoissances as far as Montmedy.

La Liberte says a General of the army of the Rhine arrived at Paris last night, had an interview with the Empress, and started immediately on his return. We may expect within a day or two a brilliant combat.

The Journal of France says: "We learn from certain sources that before ordering the army of the Prince Royal to march on Paris the King held at Pont-a'Mousson a Council of war, composed of the Generals and Princes commanding the Prussian forces. The advice of all was to remain in the territory conquered, fortifying the right bank of the Moselle. The King alone determined to march on Paris.

The Prince Royal slept night before last at Chalons.

The prefecture, in case of a seige of Paris, and government officials other than ministers, will go to Tours, Berges, and Lyons to administer provinces unravaded by the enemy.

The Gaulois says it is reported that the Prussian administration of Alsatia and Lorraine is exceedingly tyrannical and exacting.

The Constitutionnel says: The army of the Prince Royal, reinforced by a part of the army of Frederick Charles, is marching on Paris through the Valleys of Aube and Seine. The Prussians must know how adventurous such an attempt is. McMahon may cut off their communications, and place them between three fires. To avoid this danger the Prussians made great efforts. They three times attacked Bazaine with overwhelming force, which the French army successfully resisted. The enemy, then despairing of being able to conquer him, decided to keep Bazaine checked and march on Paris.

From Paris to Sierck, the nearest point on the German frontier, is more than 10,000 leagues. This line the Prussians must defend against our armies, numberless sharpshooters and the mobile garde. To be able to subsist on our territory 500,000 invading Prussians must extend their lines very far, and must disperse their forces, a thing so fatal to us in the commencement of the campaign.

The journals say that the persons under arrest are soon to be disposed of and the arrests continued, as the population are loud in their exclamations against the Germans and others now in the city, who, in case of siege might be capable of treachery.

The Figaro says that, contrary to the line of conduct hitherto pursued, any change is sufficient to show how often the military plans of the French have been modified during the last few days by the authorities. The people are invited to impede the enemy by all possible means. Bridges are to be blown up, railways cut, roads blockaded, scouts killed, and the Prussians harassed in flank and rear. Should this means of resistance acquire an importance, which can scarcely be counted on, the enemy will not be here for fifteen days. Otherwise, which is more probable, they may reach Paris in a week.

The latter opinion prevailed in the Corps Legislatif yesterday.

The Opinion Nationale says the German journals and those of Belgium have asserted that the troops of the Landwehr are not in the field, with the exception of the artillery. Nothing can be more false than this statement. Every one acquainted with the organization of the Prussian forces is aware that the first ban of the Landwehr, consisting of men from 25 to 35 years, have formed the greater part of the Prussian forces. Not only did that portion of them enter the field as soon as the mobilization of the army was ordered, but regiments, brigades and divisions of the second band of the landwehr in the provinces nearest Prussia have re-enforced the armies of Frederick Charles and Steinmetz. The fact of the second section of landwehrs being called on for service outside of Prussian territory has not occurred, since the campaigns of 1815. Prussia, therefore, says the Opinion Nationale, is making her final effort.

Over 250,000 beeves, sheep and hogs are now in Paris.

Paris, August 28, Midnight.—The following official intelligence has been made public: On the 25th, at 9 in the morning, Verdun was attacked by the Prussians, 10,000 strong, commanded by the Crown Prince of Saxony. After a combat which lasted three hours, during which time 300 shells were thrown into the city, the Prussians, much injured by our artillery, were repulsed with considerable loss. The Garde Nationale served our guns. We had five killed and twelve wounded. The enemy fired on our ambulance train, which was struck seventeen times, and two persons belonging to it killed. The citizens made a vigorous defense.

The movement of the Prussians along the Aube seems to have been arrested, they falling back on St. Dizier. Large bodies of infantry are passing through Luneville and Bayonne.

Toulon, Aug. 28.—The Orieque, frigate ship of the Mediterranean squadron, has left for Civita Vecchio to cruise on the Roman coast as a precaution against Garibaldians.

Paris, August 28.—In the Corps Legislatif yesterday, Palikao said that 20,000 Prussians attacked Verdun and were repulsed with heavy loss, and gave the particulars as already telegraphed.

Arago demanded information on the situation of the Prussian armies, but the Minister of War declined to reply.

The law calling into the ranks married men who have served in the army was rejected.

Thiers made an explanation of his position. He said he only knew of his appointment on the committee of defense from the Journal Officiel that morning. He accepted the trust through devotion to his country, but said he must have the support of the Chambers. The declaration was received with applause. The President thereupon announced that the entire Chamber accepted the appointment of Thiers.

To the question put by Picard, Count Palikao answered that the distribution of arms to the National Guard was a prerogative of his administration. He would not permit it to devolve on a subaltern.

In the senate yesterday Laroblie, after a communication from the Minister of War giving the details of the occupation of the country by the Prussians, said of certain villages and towns which were invested and surrendered too quickly, it was partly the fault of the government, though not of the present Cabinet, which, with a strange lack of forethought, had refused to arm the people of Alsatia and Champaigne, thus betraying a lack of confidence in the people which had cost the country dear; for had these peasants, who are good marksmen, been armed, the army of the Prince Royal of Prussia would not have so easily crossed the Vosges, where our men, hidden from view, could have inflicted such loss upon them that France would not have been compelled to abandon her second line of defense.

A train of American ambulances, under the direction of Dr. Marion Sims, left this city today for Metz. Dr. Pratt and many other members of the United States Sanitary Commission accompanied the train in uniform. The daughters of Dr. Sims marched at the head of the procession, bearing the banners of France and the United States. Great enthusiasm was created among the spectators as the train moved through the streets, flowers showered and gold liberally to those collecting for the wounded.

[Special to the New York Tribune.]

Paris, Aug. 27.—I have just seen a private letter from Bismarck-Bohlen, late attache of the Confederation, to his former friend Baron Gerolt, Prussian Minister at Berne, Switzerland, dated Versailles, Thursday, Aug. 25, 1870. The writer was formerly on the staff of Prince Frederick Charles, and was present at Metz. I left Paris at the request of the Prussians. Since I have been with our army my mind has become completely changed. I am now certain of our ultimate success. Since our first unfortunate encounter at Weissenburg our army never suffered any serious collision with the Frenchmen without maintaining its positions and inflicting a tremendous loss on the enemy.

I saw and conversed with the Emperor yesterday. He is in excellent health and spirits. It is impossible to describe the enthusiasm of the army. We leave this P. M., taking the direction of Metz, but that is no indication of our real route.

Duke of Saldanha is expected in a few days to take his old position as Ambassador for Portugal.

[Special to the New York Herald.]

Paris, August 28.—Seventeen thousand Prussians have been killed and wounded during the war.

Belgium is prepared to defend her new treaty by force.

Some spies were shot this morning.

A son of Bismarck is badly wounded, and a son of the Prussian Minister killed.

Ten thousand persons are attached to the headquarters of the King of Prussia, including 80 servants.

Three prizes were brought into Brest yesterday.

Arrests of individuals occur daily.

The mint works silver, but no gold.

Fifteen thousand sheep, forty thousand pigs and twenty-five thousand oxen have entered Paris within the last few days.

During the siege the Government will stay in Paris.

The Prussian Generals were opposed to the march on Paris, but the King insisted upon it.

[Special to N. Y. Sun.]

Aillon, via Brussels, August 27.—The Prussians have summoned Longwy to surrender, but the commanding officer refused.

Mezieres, via Brussels, August 27.—The railway which was destroyed between Gaugnan and Montmedy has been repaired.

The Prussians are retreating before Frane Tireurs and the peasants from Stenay to Dun.

Paris, August 28, via Brussels.—The sieges of Strasbourg, Toul, Thionville and Metz have made no progress.

The capitulation of Bazaine for want of support is expected.

Brussels, August 28.—Prussian scouting parties are at Meux, one hour from Paris.

Paris, August 28.—La Presse says the official announcement made in the Chambers that the Prussians are marching on Paris causes neither astonishment nor fear in the capital. The Parisians observe it with quiet resolution. King William is fatally led into this hazard in spite of serious strategic reasons which should turn him from it. It is considered that this old man has raised a million men whom he will never take back across the Rhine. It will be easily seen that he finds it necessary to risk a bloody battle at the foot of our towers. There is not one German in all Prussia, Bavaria, Wirtemburg or Baden who would not scorn and curse the King who should not make a supreme effort to come here and dictate peace in Paris. How else could he return to Germany in the midst of the desolation of families—the misery and depopulation of city and country? Should he not win a bloody success, his defeat would be complete. This is the decisive reason, a reason more political than military, which brings the old King under our walls.

Count D'Orgeval has petitioned the Chambers, at the request of many inhabitants of Paris, that all Germans now in Paris and environs be expelled.

It is proposed in case of siege that the Minister of War shall leave Paris, so that the military administration of the city may not be stanytime impeded.

[Special to the N. Y. Herald.]

Berlin, Aug. 28.—The disposition of the different German armies is as follows: There are eighteen corps d'armee, containing 40,000 men each. The corps d'armee under Steinmetz has the 1st, 7th, and 8th corps, at Metz.

The second army, under Prince Frederick Charles, composed of the second, third, ninth, and tenth corps, is at Metz.

The third, under the Prussian Crown Prince, composed of the fifth, sixth, and eleventh corps and the second Bavarian corps, is marching on Paris.

The fourth army, under the Crown Prince of Saxony, has the 4th and 12th Corps, and the Saxon and Prussian Guards. The fifth army under Gen. Werder has the Wurtemberg and Baden Divisions engaged in the siege of Strasbourg.

The Army, under Grand Duke of Mecklin-Schwerein, is on the Rhine.

The Seventh Army, under Generals Von Constein and Loewenfeld, is at Berlin. Three of these armies are on reserve.

London, August 28.—An important Carlist rising is represented in the provinces of Navaire and Galop, and troops are leaving Madrid for the scene.

Monetary and Commercial.

OFFICE OF THE LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL,
SATURDAY EVENING, AUG. 27, 1870.

Business circles are beginning to feel a more cheerful appearance, but it is principally caused by preparations for the fall trade. There are a few buyers in town but business has not yet fairly opened. The general opinion is that buyers will not bring a great deal of money with them, which fact is even now having an effect of contraction upon the money market, but the bank discount for choice paper is still quoted at 8 per cent, but they could readily obtain higher rates if they would demand it.

Exchange—Is easy, but the banks are not free sellers, for their remittances up to all the surplus New York exchange on hand. The current rate may be fairly quoted at par buying, and 1-10 premium selling.

Gold—Comes in slowly and the buoyancy noticeable in the market a few days past has now disappeared. Gold opened at 113¾ and closed at 113¾.

Messrs. Morton, Gault & Co., bankers, No. 150 West Main street, furnish the following quotations:

	Buying.	Selling.
Gold	113¾	113¾
Silver halves and quarters	110	
Silver dimes	8	

Government Bonds—Are quiet but firm. Buyers are now near telling that they will come home from Germany to any great extent, and the prices have nearly regained all that was lost at the beginning of the European struggle.

Five-twenties, 1862	112¾	113¼
Five-twenties, 1863	111¾	112¾
Five-twenties, 1864	111¾	112¾
Five-twenties, 1865	111¾	112¾
Five-twenties, new issue	109	110
Five-twenties, 1867	109	110
Five-twenties, 1868	109	110
Ten-forties	107¾	108¾
6's	103¾	104

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Bonds:	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Adv.	Dec.
Coupons, '81	114	114¾	114¾		
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"	109¾	110	110		
Coupons '67	110¾	110	110		
Coupons '68	110¾	109¾	110¾		
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Local Stocks and Bonds—The tight money market has suspended interest in local securities. Holders who expect to have use for their funds within the next few months are now selling, lest by holding longer they should suffer a decline, and many capitalists are taking advantage of the present opportunities to buy bargains. Bank stocks are looked upon with great favor, and 3 per cents. bonds are in active demand. The nominal quotations 8 per cent. bonds of the L. & F. R. R. and Shelby county 8 per cent. bonds, are going off lively.

STOCKS.

Bank of Louisville	89	90
Merchants' Bank	111	113
Commercial Bank	73½	76
Northern Bank	120	122
Citizens' Bank	95	96
People's Bank	95½	97
West'n Fin'cial Corp'tion bankers	97½	99
Falls City Tobacco Co	95	96
Masonic Bank	100	101
Security Bank	110	111
Louisville Insurance Company bank		
Farmers' bank	95½	96¾
Western Insurance Company bank	100	101
Farmers' and Drovers' Bank	100	101
German Insurance Company bank	100	101
Ohio County bank	97	100
L. & F. R. R. (preferred)	81	83
L. & F. R. R. (common)	40	41
Jef. Mad. & Ind. R. R.		
Louisville & Nashville R. R.	19	20

BONDS.

City for improvements, 6 per c.	74	77
City for bounty, 6 per c.	76	78
City for school purposes, 6 per c.	76	78
City for Jeff. Railroad, 6 per c.	76	78
City for L. and N. Railroad, M. & S per c.	76	78
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City for wharf, new, 6 per c.	76	77
City for wharf, old, 6 per c.	77	78
City for Water Works, 6's, 6 per c.	76	77
City for water-works, new, 6 per c.	76	77
Water-works bonds, 6 per c.	79	80
School bonds, first issue, 6 per c.	93	94
" " second issue, 6 per c.	86½	87½
" " third issue, 6 per c.	79	81
" " fourth issue, 6 per c.	77½	78½
Kentucky State bonds, old, 6 per c.	100	101
" " new, 6 per c.	99	100
Jeffersonville Railroad bonds, old, 7 per c.	96	98
" " new, 7 per c.	85½	87
L. & F. R. R. bonds (Cincinnati, 7 per c.	84	85

GOLD—Is firm and steady, with sales at 113¾@113¾ and closing at 113¾@113¾.

SILVER—Is quiet at 108@110 for half and quarters, and 110@112 for dimes.

EXCHANGE—Is steady, but rates remain unchanged.

STERLING—Is quiet but firm.

GOVERNMENTS—Are dull and weak.

COUPONS—Are steady.

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MONEY—Is easy at 6@7 per cent.

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Coupons '68	110¾	109¾	110¾		
10's	111¾	111¾	111¾		

Local Stocks and Bonds—The tight money market has suspended interest in local securities. Holders who expect to have use for their funds within the next few months are now selling, lest by holding longer they should suffer a decline, and many capitalists are taking advantage of the present opportunities to buy bargains. Bank stocks are looked upon with great favor, and 3 per cents. bonds are in active demand. The nominal quotations 8 per cent. bonds of the L. & F. R. R. and Shelby county 8 per cent. bonds, are going off lively.

STOCKS.

Bank of Louisville	89	90
Merchants' Bank	111	113
Commercial Bank	73½	76
Northern Bank	120	122
Citizens' Bank	95	96
People's Bank	95½	97
West'n Fin'cial Corp'tion bankers	97½	99
Falls City Tobacco Co	95	96
Masonic Bank	100	101
Security Bank	110	111
Louisville Insurance Company bank		
Farmers' bank	95½	96¾
Western Insurance Company bank	100	101
Farmers' and Drovers' Bank	100	101
German Insurance Company bank	100	101
Ohio County bank	97	100
L. & F. R. R. (preferred)	81	83
L. & F. R. R. (common)	40	41
Jef. Mad. & Ind. R. R.		
Louisville & Nashville R. R.	19	20

BONDS.

City for improvements, 6 per c.	74	77
City for bounty, 6 per c.	76	78
City for school purposes, 6 per c.	76	78
City for Jeff. Railroad, 6 per c.	76	78
City for L. and N. Railroad, M. & S per c.	76	78
City for L. and N. Railroad, L. & L. 6 per c.	76	77
City for wharf, new, 6 per c.	76	77
City for wharf, old, 6 per c.	77	78
City for Water Works, 6's, 6 per c.	76	77
City for water-works, new, 6 per c.	76	77
Water-works bonds, 6 per c.	79	80
School bonds, first issue, 6 per c.	93	94
" " second issue, 6 per c.	86½	87½
" " third issue, 6 per c.	79	81
" " fourth issue, 6 per c.	77½	78½
Kentucky State bonds, old, 6 per c.	100	101
" " new, 6 per c.	99	100
Jeffersonville Railroad bonds, old, 7 per c.	96	98
" " new, 7 per c.	85½	87
L. & F. R. R. bonds (Cincinnati, 7 per c.	84	85

GOLD—Comes in slowly and the buoyancy noticeable in the market a few days past has now disappeared. Gold opened at 113¾ and closed at 113¾.

Messrs. Morton, Gault & Co., bankers, No. 150 West Main street, furnish the following quotations:

	Buying.	Selling.
Gold	113¾	113¾
Silver halves and quarters	110	
Silver dimes	8	

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Are quiet but firm. Buyers are now near telling that they will come home from Germany to any great extent, and the prices have near

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PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH.

A Curious Old Book Recently Presented to the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

(From the N. Y. Evening Post.)

The bulletin of last Saturday's meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Society announced the presentation to the society by Mr. Charles Roberts, of Philadelphia, of a book which, from the description given of it, must be a curiosity of literature. It is entitled "Der Neue Allemanische Calender," and was published in Pennsylvania in 1748. Mr. Roberts has had the book translated, and has made it the subject of a paper, which was read before the society by Dr. Ludewig, the author of "The Literature of the American Aborigines," and other works. Dr. Ludewig, in his paper, said that the book was the first publication in the German language in Pennsylvania, and that it was printed by Christopher Sower, who was the first publisher of the Bible in a European language in America. Sower was a native of Germany, and came to Pennsylvania in 1724. He was a printer, publisher, bookseller, and paper-maker, and was the founder of a family which for three generations was prominent in the literature of the German population of Pennsylvania. The first publication of the press established by Sower was a German hymn-book, printed in 1730. The "Neue Allemanische Calender" was published in 1748, and is the earliest publication known to have been issued from the press of Sower's son, Christopher Sower, 2d. Dr. Ludewig, the author of this bibliography, says that the book is a curiosity in many respects. It is the first publication in the German language in Pennsylvania, and is the first publication in any language in which the Indian tribes of Pennsylvania are mentioned. It is also the first publication in which the Pennsylvania Germans are mentioned as a distinct people. Dr. Ludewig says that the book is a curiosity in its typography, and that it is the first publication in which the Fraktur type was used in Pennsylvania. Dr. Ludewig's paper contains a translation of the preface to the book, which is described in the following terms: "The Old Schoolmaster, or Instructive Entertainment for Children, and Others who wish to learn to read English and German, and to write a common hand, as also to cipher, with a vocabulary of the Indian tongue, and a collection of the most necessary words and sentences in English and Indian, for the use of the Province of Pennsylvania."